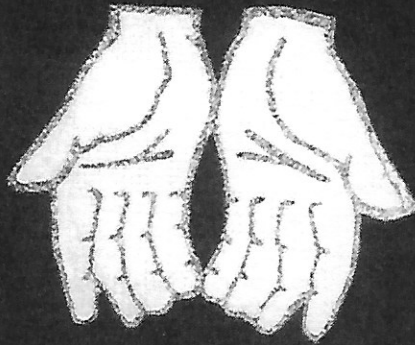
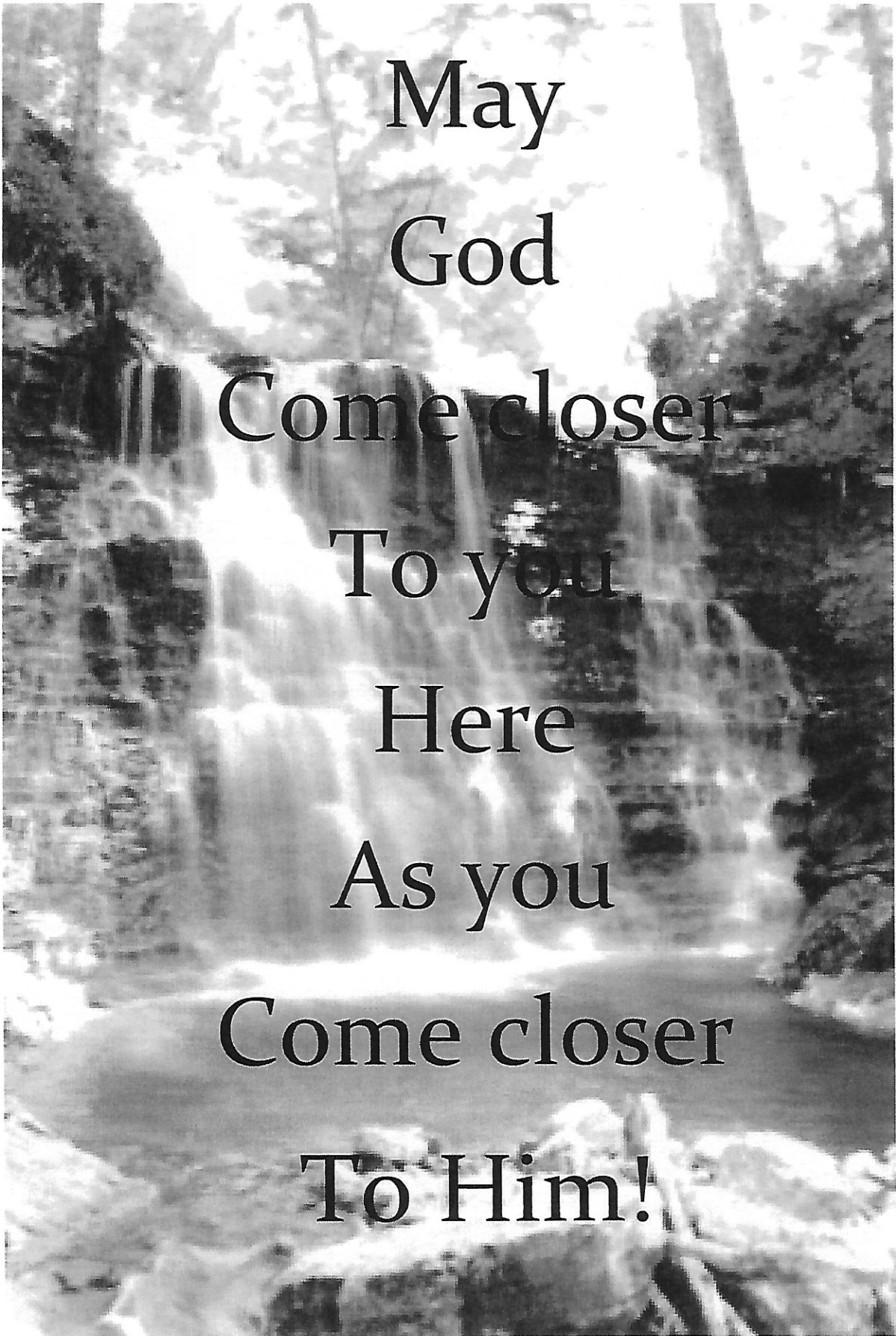


Come Closer to Our God



James 4:8

I.L.DA 2011 Columbus, Ohio



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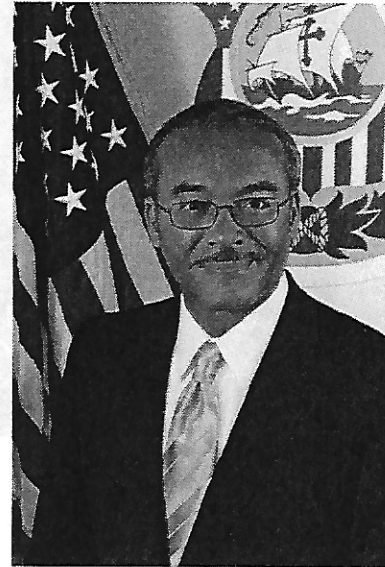


*Office of the Mayor*  
Columbus, Ohio

August 4, 2011

Greetings:

On behalf of the people of Columbus, I am delighted to welcome you to our state capital and Ohio's largest city. Columbus is a growing, vibrant city known for its dynamic business climate, friendly neighborhoods, and modern, efficient government. Each year, an increasing number of visitors from around the world come to our city to meet, compete, trade, and enjoy what Columbus has to offer.



As Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, it is an honor to welcome the **International Deaf Lutheran Association** to our city. **We are proud to host this significant event August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

While you are here, we invite you to explore the many things we love about our community: the new COSI, the world famous Columbus Zoo, The Ohio State University, the fantastic shopping, and the vibrant nightlife in places like the Short North, German Village, the Brewery District, Easton Town Center, the King Center for the Performing Arts which showcases the works of nationally acclaimed artist, Brenda Aminah Lynn Robinson and dozens of friendly spots in every Columbus neighborhood.

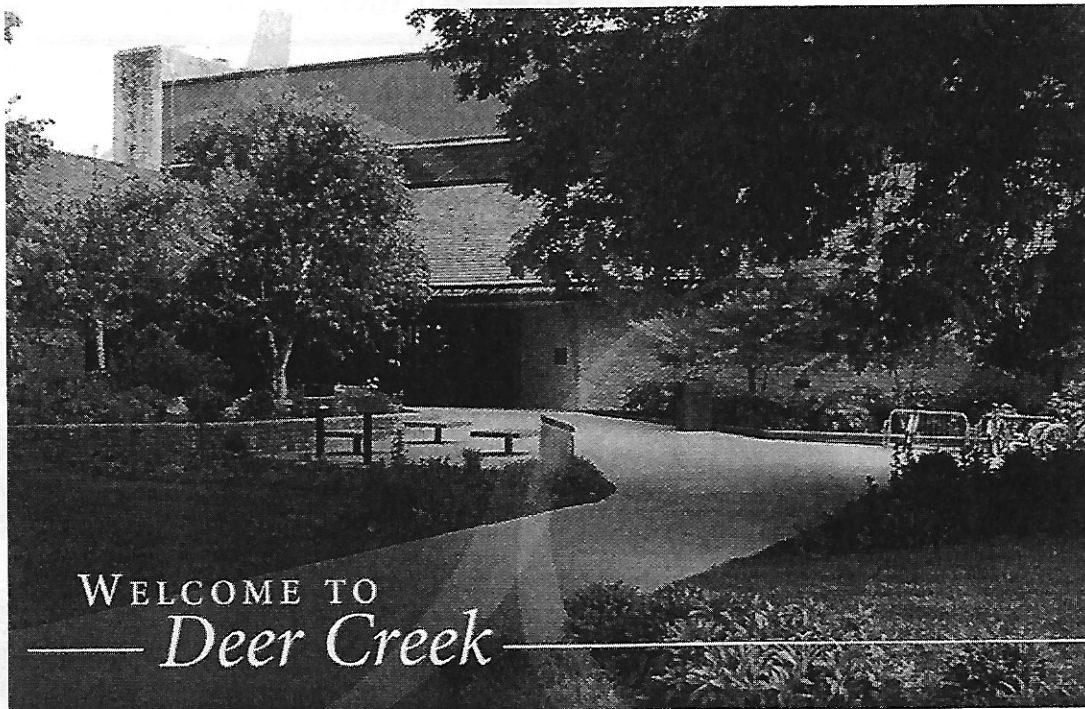
There's so much to discover in Columbus. But what we hope you'll find most of all is our generous hospitality and special quality of life that brings visitors back, and leads more and more people to make Columbus their home.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event!

Sincerely,

Michael B. Coleman  
Mayor





## *Welcome*

Dear Valued Guest,

Thank you for joining us at Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Center for the International Lutheran Deaf Association event this week. We are delighted to have you here and our staff will be happy to assist you with anything you may need during your stay.

Please contact any staff member if there is anything that we can do to make your stay more enjoyable.

Again, welcome to Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Center.

Sincerely,

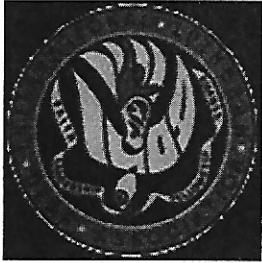
Jeff Harper, CHA

General Manager

# Chairperson's Welcome

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## INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION



21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention  
Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church  
360 Morse Road, 43214



Hi Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to Deer Creek State Park of  
Mount Sterling, Ohio.

We, the committee hope you enjoy the nature  
God created here, this beautiful park and lake.  
You may see animals close by.

We have done hard works by selling jams and canned  
soups and other fundraisings. Thanks to all volunteers for  
helping us to make this ILDA 2011 successful.

We want you to enjoy and relax at this Deer Creek  
State Park and Know God is in this park and everywhere.  
May God's presence bring - closer to Jesus. Come Closer  
to Our God.

God Richly Bless You.

*Nancy L. Bergstresser*  
Nancy L. Bergstresser  
Chairperson of ILDA 2011

## President's Letter

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### INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

"And looking up to heaven, He sighed and saith unto him, Eph-pha-tha,  
That is, be opened."—St. Mark 7:34

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial International Lutheran Deaf Association convention held at Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center in Mt. Sterling, OH.



Our convention theme is "Come Closer to God." It is perfect fitting theme since we held at state park resort for the first time instead of hotel and we will enjoy the natural resources at state park. This state park resort offers relaxing atmosphere, refreshing recreation and great settings for events.

We hope that you will truly blessed from the Bible Study workshops and meetings, so you will able to share what you have learned with your home church and colleagues.

We want to thank Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church from Columbus, Ohio for hosting this convention. All of you did work very hard to make it happen and did an excellent job.

May the Lord be with you when you leave here and have a safe trip back home. We will look forward to see you again in Austin, Texas in 2013. We extend our support to the 2013 Host Committee for their successful planning.

Warmly and sincerely, in Christian Love,

Jeff Padon  
ILDA President 2009-2011





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July 22, 2011

### **Attention: International Lutheran Deaf Association**

Dear ILDA members:

God's richest blessings are yours in Christ Jesus!

On Pentecost the crowd responded to Peter's preaching with these words: "we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Who then could have imagined that among the tongues which God's preachers eventually would use would include sign language for the deaf? But God so loves the world that He will inspire means of communication so that all peoples, tribes, and languages, will indeed stand among the redeemed in eternity!

We welcome you participants to the Ohio District for the third time and pray that your convention will be blessed by God. May His Holy Spirit work mightily among your presenters so that you are encouraged to be bold witnesses like Peter and tell the mighty things God is doing for you in Christ Jesus. May ties of fellowship and friendship in Christ be strengthened as well during this convention, and may your worship times be joyful celebrations as well.

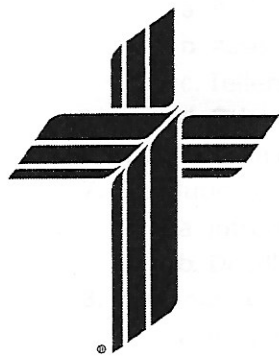
Yours in Christ,

Rev. Terry Cripe, President  
Ohio District LCMS

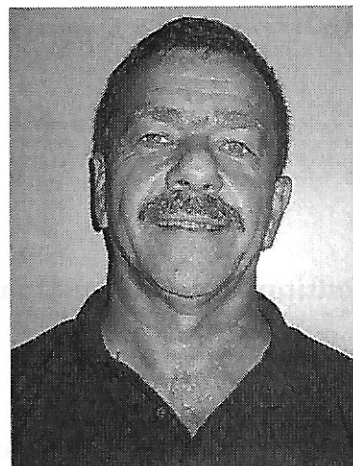
# Pastor's Letter

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## Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church



360 Morse Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
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Greetings to all of you, ILDA'ers, here at Deer Creek State Park.

I will like to welcome you all to the State of Ohio. May this theme "Come Closer to our God" make your stay a pleasant one and refreshed in spirit, soul and body. May this weekend give you an opportunity to come closer to God and God come closer to you. I pray that this beautiful place enables you to have time with God and His people. God will let you imbibe His goodness and mercy which draws you closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a wonderful place where we can share with one another the love of Christ. We hope you will have a profound experience this weekend. So that you may go home, bringing others closer to God.

Come closer to the Lord with me, and God will come closer to us,

Pastor Edwin Lot Bergstresser

# 2011 I.L.D.A. Convention Host Committee

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*Nancy Bergstresser*



*Robin Fiffe*



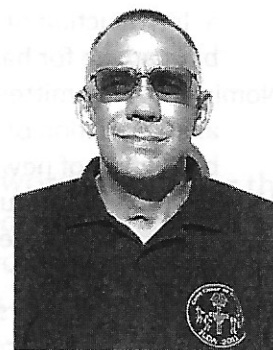
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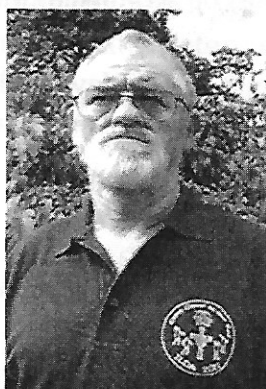
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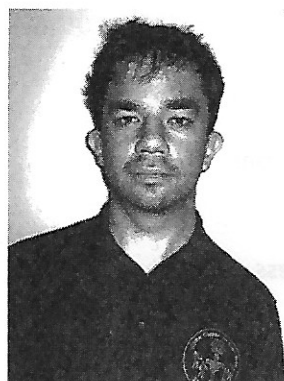
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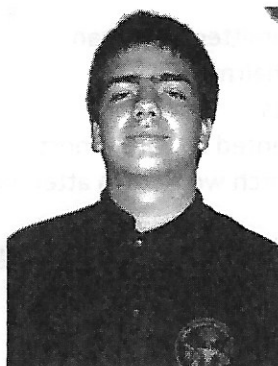
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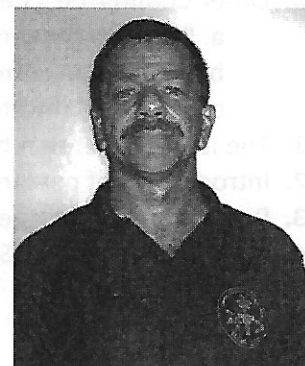
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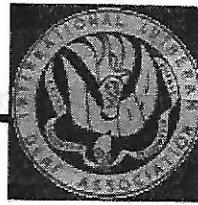


*Matthew Bergstresser*



*Rev. Edwin Bergstresser*





## Order of Business

1. Welcome (president, host chairperson, honored guests, local Chamber of Commerce, etc)
2. Necrology
3. Invocation or devotion service
4. Call to Order: The president shall introduce the agency for adoption.
5. Introduction of the:
  - a. Parliamentarian
  - b. Assistant to the Secretary
  - c. Tellers
  - d. Other Committees
6. Introduction of Interpreters
7. Resolutions Committee:
  - a. Introduction of committee members
  - b. Deadline for handing in resolutions
8. Nominating Committee's Report:
  - a. Introduction of candidates for offices
  - b. Election of new officers and pastoral advisor
9. Minutes of the previous convention: the secretary will give out copies of minutes of the previous convention. The minutes must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
10. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Given at the first business session of the convention. The treasurer will distribute copies of the financial report from the last convention including status of previous mission projects.
  - b. The treasurer will name the auditors of the report.
  - c. The report of the auditors.
  - d. the treasurer's report must be accepted by the proper motions before going into the records.
11. President's Report
12. Pastoral Advisor's Report
13. Synodical Representative's Report
14. The *Deaf Lutheran* publication report:
  - a. The editor
  - b. The business manager
15. The Finance Committee's Report
16. The adoption of the new budget. Presented to the convention by the treasurer.
17. The Law Committee's Report
18. Voting on any proposed changes
19. Introduction of Mission Projects:
  - a. Mission Projects Chairperson's Report
  - b. Voting on mission projects
20. Other Committee's Reports
  - a. Previous convention committee chairman
  - b. Junior ILDA committee chairman
  - c. Special committee reports
21. The ILDA convention bids presented by future host congregations
22. Introduction of pastors and church workers in attendance.
23. Resolution Committee's report
24. Unfinished business. Secretary reports on any pending business.
25. New business
26. Voting on resolutions
27. Announcements
28. Adjournment



## ILDA Hosting Convention Sites (2013 to 1971)

Year	Host	Hostfield	Theme	Count
2013	Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf Austin, Texas	Austin, TX	"Jesus is the Cornerstone"	See you there!
2011	Holy Cross Deaf Lutheran Church Columbus, Ohio	Deer Creek State Park Mt. Sterling, OH	"Come Closer to Our God"	
2009	Alpha Lutheran Church Rochester, NY	RIT Inn Rochester, NY	"Set Your Minds on Things Above"	132
2007	Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD	Marriott, BWI Airport	"Encourage Each Other in Faith"	157
2005	Trinity Lutheran Church Vancouver, Canada	Hilton (Vancouver) Burnaby, Canada	"Let Us Praise the Lord From the Mountaintops"	188
2003	Prince of Peace Lutheran Minneapolis, MN	Hilton Hotel Minneapolis, MN	"Let Thy Holy Angels be With Us"	220
2001	Peace Lutheran Church Indianapolis, IN	Indianapolis Marriott Indianapolis, IN	"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve"	205
1999	Christ Lutheran Church, Cleveland, OH	Holiday Inn Independence, OH	"The Beginning and The End"	300
1997	Holy Cross Lutheran St. Louis, MO.	Adam's Mark Hotel St. Louis, MO.	"Jesus is The Way"	433
1995	Northern Ill Lutheran Churches	Woodfield Hyatt Hotel Schaumburg, IL	"Behold, I Shall Make Things New"	306
1993	Jesus Lutheran Church Austin, TX	Red Lion Hotel Austin, TX	"Jesus is The Lone Star"	300
1991	Good Shepherd Lutheran Toledo, OH	Holiday Inn Toledo, OH	"God, You are My Shepherd, Teacher, Friend, Light and Rock"	300
1989	Hope Lutheran Church Portland, OR	Red Lion Lloyd Portland, OR	"Be Alive"	341
1987	Calvary Lutheran Church Cedar Rapid, IA	Stouffer Hotel Cedar Rapids, IA	"A Time For Everything"	400
1985	Holy Cross Lutheran Church Delavan, WI	Marc Plaza Hotel Milwaukee, WI	"Come, Follow Me!"	303
1983	Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, PA	Holiday Inn Pittsburgh, PA	"Celebrating, Power Presence & Promise Together"	373
1981	Pilgram Lutheran Church Los Angeles, CA	Holiday Inn Los Angeles, CA	"Be Opened"	383
1979	Eternal Mercy Lutheran Memphis, TN	Holiday Inn Memphis, TN	"Go and Tell"	300
1977	Faith Lutheran Church Spokane, WA	Ridpath Hotel Spokane, WA	"Rise Shine, Give God Glory"	350
1975	Christ Lutheran Church Silver Spring, MD	Stouffer's National Ctr Washington, D.C.	"New Life in Christ"	400
1973	Redeemer Lutheran Church Kansas City, MO	Hotel Muehiebach Kansas City, MO	"Sharing With Chirst"	350
1971	Our Savior Lutheran Church Chicago, IL	Regency Hyatt House Chicago, IL	"Forward With Christ"	300

Note: "Deaf" in churches included)

# Welcome to International Lutheran Deaf Association's 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention at Deer Creek Resort, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

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*"Come Closer to Our God"* Hebrews 10:22

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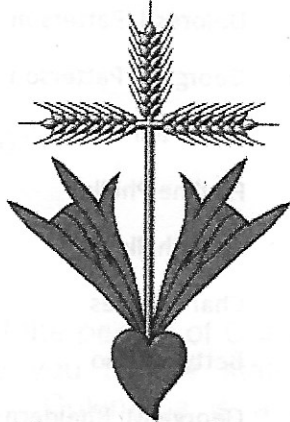
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Rev. Gary L. Lawson, Pastor

9:45 am Adult Bible Studies - 10:45 am Worship



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Deaf Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays - 3pm  
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Interpreted Sunday School 9:30am  
Interpreted Church Service 10:45am  
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Kansas City  
Shawnee Mission Parkway & K-7  
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Bible Study  
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Faith Lutheran Church, Emporia KS  
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Interpreted Worship: 10:15am each Sunday



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9:15 a.m. Worship in the small chapel

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# ILDA Convention Schedule



## Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (on your own)
- 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Open Ceremony / Welcome w/ Banners and Chairperson Nancy Bergstresser
- 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Devotion By Rev. Jeffery Stephen, Ohio District Executive Director
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Skits / Choirs
- 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. Reception

## Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Devotion By Rev. S. Petzoldt
- 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Free time – golf, volleyball, cornhole, horseshoe tournament
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting # 1
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Workshop A: What is a Deaconess? By Deaconess Dawn Polzin  
Workshop B: D.I.T. By Rev. Eckmann
- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Picnic (Outside)
- 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Devotion by Rev. G. Lawson

## Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Devotion By Rev. E. Bergstresser
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. Business # 2
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Election of Officers / Business
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

# ILDA Convention Schedule



## Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Workshop C: Deaf Prison By Rev. Fredrick & Rev. M. Erlichmann

Workshop D: Relationship with God By Rev. S. Petzoldt

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Workshop E: Projects to help deaf mission in Ghana India

Workshop F:

3:45 – 6:00 p.m. Free Time

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Banquet / Program

## Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Bible Study By Rev. C. Lawson

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Worship By Rev. E. Bergstresser

Installation of Officers

ILDA Banner be given to ILDA 2013 Host

## I.L.D.A. Board of Directors

### ILDA Executive Board Members

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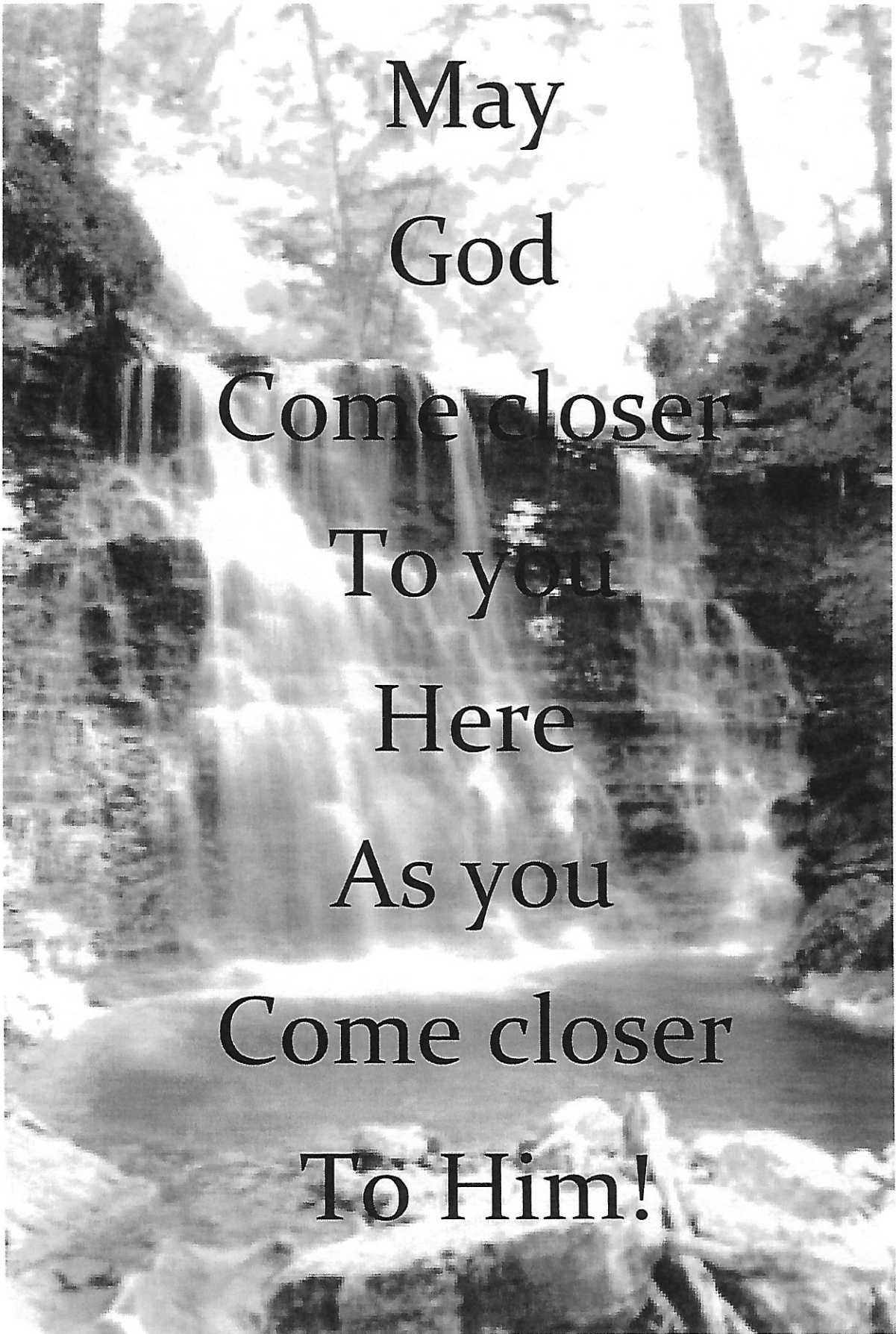
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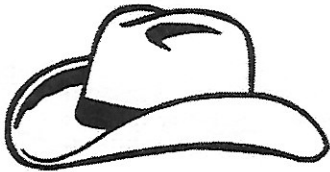
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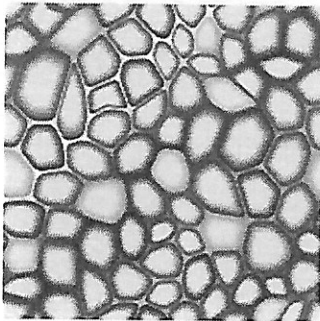
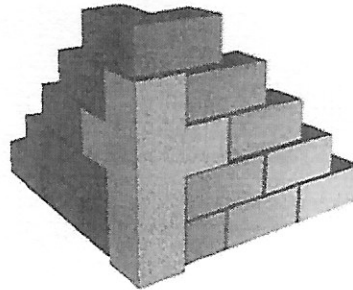
International Lutheran Deaf Association



July 18 – 21,  
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Austin, Texas



# Jesus is the Cornerstone



You also are like living stones.  
As you come to him you are being built into a  
house for worship. There you will be holy priests.  
You will offer spiritual sacrifices.  
God will accept them because of what Jesus  
Christ has done. 1 Peter 2:5



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