

# President's Newsletter



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## ELS Convention Summary

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in convention June 15-19, 2014.

Following are some highlights of the convention:

- Engaging Others With Jesus in Times of Trial served as the theme for the week, with the essay being given by Rev. Thomas Rank. In his conclusion, Pastor Rank stated, "As we engage with Jesus those who are undergoing trial, let us remember that within the vocations God has placed each of us, there are opportunities to show compassion simply with the physical aspects of life in this world... This may well lead to opportunities to presenting the eternal respite given by our Savior, Jesus Christ."
- Grace Lutheran in Lincoln, IL, was received into membership.
- Columbia Lutheran School in The Dalles, Oregon, was commended for implementing the classical education model in its opening this fall. This model is being urged for use throughout the synod.
- Approval was given for the planned 100th anniversary (2018) offering to go for home mission starts, with also a seminary component in identifying and placing suitable candidates into our missions.
- The congregational contribution portion of the ELS budget was adopted at \$760,000. A healthy invitation exists: funds received over \$725,000 are to be allocated for use by the Board for Home Outreach.
- The Board for World Outreach was asked to prioritize available resources in light of potential challenges in our various mission fields.



## World Outreach News

Your help is needed for our India Mission! Grace & Truth Lutheran School in Rajahmundry has lost the lease on the buildings they rent to operate the school. Classes are currently being held outdoors in tents. The rainy season is about to begin and we need to raise a total of \$14,000, immediately to move the classes to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and re-register the school with the government. The school was scheduled to move in 2015, after the completion of the second floor of the Good Shepherd building, but the loss of leases has accelerated the move.

If you would like to help with this, you may donate online at: [www.els.name/donate](http://www.els.name/donate)

If you would like to mail a donation, mail to:

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Your help is greatly appreciated!

