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## Convention addresses licensed lay deacons in public ministry

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...Following the presentation of the resolution to delegates, civil and collegial discussion ensued for several minutes before the vote on the resolution — a 74.49 percent majority to adopt it.

...The Rev. Larry Vogel, chairman of the 2013 Resolution 4-06A Task Force, and Committee Chairman Paavola both noted the importance of communication throughout the Synod over the past year and during the convention in order to bring concord on this issue....

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### LLD Theology



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VtP0gGrQqo>

**We thank Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn, District President, New Jersey, for offering permission to use the following thoughts on the “priesthood of all believers,” with special focus on Luther’s treatise, *Concerning the Ministry to the Bohemian Christians*.**

In 1523, Martin Luther wrote a treatise to the Bohemian Christians titled *Concerning the Ministry*. In that treatise, he dealt with two ministry situations: (1) the right of congregations to elect their own pastors and (2) the right of, and command to, God’s people, as the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:4-10), to be engaged in the ministry of the Word (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, 51-52; Romans 10:13-17).

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## A Leadership Response from the NOW District

August 29, 2016

...Because we are a part of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a group of Lutheran Christian congregations that have pledged to walk together as brothers and sisters in Christ, we have an obligation of love to one another. This obligation includes the blessed privilege of ongoing conversation with one another in matters of consequence regarding the ministry of the Gospel and the mission of the Church. This is a relationship that we have committed to willingly and whole-heartedly. We love our church, and we love our partners in ministry. **At the same time, we disagree with the adoption of Resolution 13-02A.** As leaders in the Northwest District, we do not believe the process that resulted in the resolution allowed those most affected by it to be heard, nor did it allow the members of the Synod to engage in a thorough and meaningful theological conversation. **The resolution is based on the false assumption that all the members of the Synod agree with the theological position underlying the actions called for in the resolution. That position may be articulated as follows, "The public use of the Word of God and the Sacraments is restricted only to those who are ordained."**

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### **Predigtamt (AC V) and its relationship to the priesthood of all believers**

7/2/2016 by Rev. Dr. Anthony Steinbronn, District President, New Jersey

...That is why we, as Lutherans, affirm that the Predigtamt<sup>[3]</sup> (AC V) is the highest office in the church and from it flow all other offices in the church. Consequently, both *the office of the pastoral ministry* and *the office of the priesthood of all believers* have been entrusted with the ministry of the Word so that they might make known this "justifying faith" (AC IV) in the lives of others as they proclaim, tell, share, and witness the Gospel through the spoken Word in its various forms (Predigtamt).<sup>[4]</sup>

"It is important to note the functional non-institutional nature of this ministry. **Melanchthon is simply speaking here, as elsewhere, of the preaching of the Gospel Word, or of the work of the Gospel Word.** This fact is illustrated clearly in the Schwabach Articles VII as they speak on this point. "To obtain this faith, or to bestow it upon us men God has instituted the ministry of the oral word (Predigtamt oder in undlich Wort) namely, the Gospel through which He causes this faith and its power and use and fruit to be proclaimed, and through it as through means He gives us faith along with the Holy Spirit, as and where He wills. Apart from this there is neither means nor way, neither mode nor manner to receive faith." (Robert D. Preus, "The Confessions and the Mission of the Church," *The Springfielder* 39 (June 1975), No. 1: 22-23).

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