**2022 CALL FOR PAPERS   
Lutheran Historical Conference Biennial Meeting**   
  
Wednesday through Saturday, October 5-8, 2022   
Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, Missouri

**“The Future of the Lutheran Past”**

The Lutheran Historical Conference announces plans to meet October 5th-8th, 2022 at the Concordia Historical Institute, on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

This meeting comes at an important juncture for the study of Lutheran history in North America. It not only marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Historical Conference, but if circumstances allow, it will also be our first in-person gathering since 2018, as two previously scheduled meetings were abbreviated and held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we will ask historians and archivists involved in the study of American Lutheranism to consider how to move forward creatively and productively in our common work. This meeting also commemorates the 175th anniversary of the founding of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America, and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA).

The 2022 LHC Program Committee invites submissions which reflect the theme of embracing what the future holds for the research, recording, and relating of Lutheran historiography. Paper proposals dealing with any aspect of this theme, as well as those related to the above-mentioned anniversaries, will be considered. Since both the 2020 and the 2021 LHC meetings were abbreviated virtual events, all proposals previously submitted and accepted in 2020 or 2021 that have not yet been presented virtually remain accepted for the 2022 meeting. Individuals may also elect to wait and present their scholarship when the LHC meets for their 2024 meeting in Baltimore. The Program Committee will be in touch with those presenters who submitted prior proposals to ascertain their preferences.

**Students are especially encouraged to submit paper proposals and to apply to the LHC Board of Directors for limited scholarship assistance with travel-related expenses.**

Speakers will be given **twenty minutes** for their presentations, followed by five to ten minutes of Q and A. Paper proposals must include 1) a title, 2) a 250-word (maximum) abstract, and 3) a brief biographical sketch of the presenter.

Proposals and inquiries are due by Monday, April 04, 2022, and are to be sent by email attachment to the Program Chair: Joel L. Pless, at [joel.pless@wlc.edu](mailto:joel.pless@wlc.edu); office phone: 414-443-8930. The other Program Committee members are Susan McArver ([susan.mcarver@lr.edu](mailto:susan.mcarver@lr.edu)) and Timothy Grundmeier ([grundmtd@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:grundmtd@mlc-wels.edu)).

The Program Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any paper proposal for the good of the Lutheran Historical Conference and its biennial meeting. Presenters **must be or become members** of the LHC before the convening of the meeting. Non-studentpresenters are alone responsible for covering conference fees and all travel costs and are encouraged to apply for financial support from their home institutions.

The 2022 Program Committee will seriously consider all legitimate submissions and will inform each submitter via email of its decision in a timely manner. In addition to sponsoring the presentation of scholarly papers, the LHC will transact official conference business, hold elections, and participate in a bus tour of Lutheran sites of interest in the St. Louis area.