

**OVERTURE TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2018 CONVENTION OF THE**  
**TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**

*(Ref: LCMS Bylaw 3.6.1.2)*

This template is offered to facilitate the submission of overtures to the 2018 Convention of the Texas District in a uniform manner. Auto-fill sections will automatically provide the format that will be used for all overtures in the *Convention Workbook*.

Here are a few pointers to assist you in your use of this template:

- **Title** = The title for an overture must always begin with “**To**” as provided on the template. It should identify in a few words the intent of the overture. The title is always in **Georgia** Font, **Bold**, Size **11**.
- **WHEREAS** or **Resolved** = Begin each paragraph by capitalizing the first word.
- **Gray Box** = This is where the text is to be inserted for each “WHEREAS” or “Resolved” paragraph.
- Final “**WHEREAS**” paragraph should be one that concludes with “**therefore be it**”.
- Final “**Resolved**” paragraph should be preceded by the resolve paragraph that ends with “**and be it finally**”.
- Once you have typed in the complete overture, you should **DELETE** any excess “WHEREAS” or “Resolved” auto-fill paragraphs.
- If there are insufficient “**WHEREAS**” or “**Resolved**” paragraph opportunities, you may add more, mimicking the formatting used in the auto-fill sections.
- Be sure to save the document to your computer with a new document name.

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Texas District, LCMS  
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2. Save one (1) electronic copy to your computer, for your records.

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