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Dr. Middendorf served on the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 2004 to 2010 and was the theological advisor to the 2010 National Youth Gathering. He has spoken at numerous theological and pastoral conferences throughout the country and traveled to the lands of the New Testament seven times.

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