



SECTION THREE

OVERTURES

RESOLUTIONS

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OVERTURE 09-01

SUBJECT: Resolution for North Wisconsin District Convention Reaffirming Holy Baptism

PREAMBLE "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (*Ephesians 2:8-10*)

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, by His crucifixion and His resurrection. He brings this salvation to us by the power of His living Word (*Romans 10:17*), which is also the power working in His Sacraments (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 5:26*). This saving grace creates saving faith in us (*Galatians 3:26-27*), which in turn leads to new life that witnesses daily to the love of our living Savior Jesus Christ (*Romans 6:3-4*).

We seek to joyfully proclaim these Scriptural truths in our congregations and in the daily lives of our members. We who have been saved *from* sin are also saved *for* discipleship under our Lord Jesus. And we recognize and reaffirm that Holy Baptism is God's work of grace to begin that first day of new life as His disciples, and bring it to completion in His Day (*Philippians 1:6*)!

RATIONALE

Whereas, Scripture clearly teaches that Holy Baptism is God's gift and God's work in us;

Whereas, Scripture also teaches our need for the blessings of God that He bestows in and through Holy Baptism;

Whereas, Scripture teaches those whom the Spirit baptizes He also brings to new life in Christ;

Whereas, our Lutheran Confessions rightly assert what God's Word has taught regarding His power at work in Holy Baptism;

Whereas, many of our members mistakenly believe that since they are baptized, they are excused from any further life with Christ and His Church;

Whereas, many of our members have mistakenly ignored the Lord's call to daily contrition, repentance and new life as a Baptized child of God; and...

Whereas, many of our members are being led to denominations which deny the efficacy of Holy Baptism as a means of grace;

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that we encourage our congregations to re-embrace the salvation and newness of life which God gives in Holy Baptism;

RESOLVED, that our congregations will, in our preaching and teaching, make a purposeful effort to renew our member's faith and knowledge of God's Word regarding Holy Baptism, and to do so within one year of adoption of this resolution;

RESOLVED, that our congregations will reaffirm the Biblical invitation and expectation to baptize infants, and to clearly explain from God's Word why we do;

52 RESOLVED, that our congregations will lovingly apply God's Word corporately and individually, that
53 by the power of the Holy Spirit, our members will be inspired to not only celebrate God's
54 initiation of their salvation in Holy Baptism, but also joyfully and daily demonstrate their faith
55 response to the grace God has given them in Christ Jesus.
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57 **Zion Lutheran Church - Greenleaf, Wisconsin**

1 **OVERTURE 09-03**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Amend NWD Bylaws Regarding Term Limits for District Officers**

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5 The Rationale for this recommendation is to limit the problem of 'bureaucratitus' that is present in
6 organizations as individuals stay in office for long periods of time. These individuals can get in a rut,
7 become isolated from the people, and tend to accumulate power which then becomes the basis for
8 decisions rather than clear thinking. While some may see elections as eliminating these problems
9 "because you can always vote them out of office," the momentum of incumbency is difficult to
10 overcome even when someone is doing a bad job.

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12 As opposed to re-election without limit, it is healthy to get new blood into an organization along
13 with a fresh perspective. Other synodical districts have imposed term limits on, for example, their
14 president, and other elected offices in our district have term limits. Therefore, it will be good
15 administrative procedure to apply term limits to district officers as well. This change also reinforces the
16 long tradition in the LCMS of allowing God's Word to guide us rather than depending on the
17 bureaucracy to get the job done.

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19 Whereas, the problem of 'bureaucratitus' is present within the church as well as without, and

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21 Whereas, all district offices with the exception of officers have term limits imposed on them, and

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23 Whereas, while bureaucracy is necessary in an organization, it can also be the source of problems as
24 Martin Luther ran into five hundred years ago, and

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26 Whereas, it the Word of God that guides us, therefore, be it

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28 RESOLVED, that Bylaw 3.02.b. be restated as follows:

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30 b. The Office of President, Vice President, Secretary of the District and of the Circuit Counselors
31 shall be ~~without limitation as to re-election~~ *ineligible for re-election to the same position after*
32 *servng a total of three complete successive terms.* All other elected District officers and
33 members of the District Board of Directors and of all standing committees shall be ineligible
34 for re-election to the same position after serving a total of two complete successive terms.
35 Appointed members of District standing committees, and committees shall be ineligible for re-
36 appointment after serving a total of two complete successive terms. Officers, members of the
37 Board of Directors, standing committees, committees and commissions may become eligible
38 again for election or appointment to the same office, board or committee after an interval of
39 three or more years.

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41 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

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43 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **LATE OVERTURE 09-05**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Amend the District Handbook**

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5 Whereas, the 2006 Convention of the North Wisconsin District approved the adoption of
6 policy-based governance; and

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8 Whereas, during the past triennium, the North Wisconsin District Board of Directors has
9 worked to incorporate those changes that are necessary to operate within the
10 Constitution and Bylaws of Synod; therefore be it

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12 Resolved, that the proposed changes approved by the North Wisconsin District Board of
13 Directors and recommended by the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters be
14 adopted. (See Tab 2 – District Reports – 2009 District Handbook)

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17 **The North Wisconsin District – Board of Directors**

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23 **See proposed 2009 District Handbook under Tab 2 – District Reports.**

1 **OVERTURE 09-07**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Revise the Selection and Number of CCM Members**

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5 Whereas, the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) exists to interpret the Constitution, Bylaws,
6 and resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the governing instruments of the Synod and its
7 agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2);
8 and
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10 Whereas, all five voting member of the CCM currently are appointed by the President of the Synod
11 from the list of candidates presented by the Council of Presidents (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.1);
12 and
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14 Whereas, an opinion rendered by the CCM shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it is
15 overruled by a convention of the Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)); and
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17 Whereas, the President of the Synod also appoints the convention floor committees (2007 *Handbook*
18 3.1.7) and is responsible for the overall organization and operations of the conventions of the S
19 Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.1.9); and
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21 Whereas, the same man who currently appoints all CCM members also organizes and chairs the floor
22 committees, the mechanism provided through which resolutions must be passed within the
23 LCMS for overruling CCM decisions, and
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25 Whereas, this structure creates a potential conflict of interest which might cause an unbiased observer
26 to wonder if unbiased opinions can be obtained through the CCM and/or the review of a
27 questioned opinion can be reasonably obtained through our present highest court structure,
28 thereby, creating doubt about our synodical system of adjudication, be it therefore
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30 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District Convention memorialize the Synod in convention in 2010
31 to expand the membership of the CCM from five voting members to seven voting members,
32 consisting of four pastors and three attorneys; and be it finally
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34 RESOLVED, that the selection of these voting members be in accordance with the following: one
35 pastor and one attorney appointed by the President of the Synod (using 2007 *Handbook*
36 3.9.2.1.1 for these two positions), one pastor and one attorney appointed by the Synod Board
37 of Directors (using 2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.1.1(a)(b) with vacancies from these two positions
38 filled by the BOD), and two pastors and one attorney elected by the Synod in convention (using
39 2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.1.1(a)(b) with vacancies from these three positions filled by election of
40 the delegates during the remainder of their three year term as defined in 3.1.2.2).
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42 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

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44 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **OVERTURE 09-09**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Require Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures and Resolutions Pertaining**
4 **to Theological Matters By Conventions of Synod**
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6 Whereas, "The Commission on Constitutional Matters exists to interpret the Constitution, Bylaws, and
7 resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the governing instruments of the Synod and its
8 agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2);
9 and

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11 Whereas, "An opinion rendered by the CCM shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it
12 is overruled by a convention of the Synod. Overtures to a convention that seek to overrule an
13 opinion of the commission shall support the proposed action with substantive rationale from the
14 Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod. All such overtures shall be considered by
15 the floor committee to which they have been assigned and shall be included in a specific report
16 to the convention with recommendations for appropriate action" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c));
17 and

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19 Whereas, there is a review procedure when "an opinion pertains to business, legal, or property matters
20 and the Board of Directors of the Synod concludes that such opinion of the commission is
21 contrary to the laws of the State of Missouri," (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)); and

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23 Whereas, the only remedy when the opinion pertains to theological matters is "consideration by the
24 floor committee" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)) which does not necessarily result in consideration
25 by the convention of Synod, thus, allowing an opinion on theological matters to remain binding
26 without review of the convention; and

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28 Whereas, amendments to the bylaws are the responsibility of ONLY the conventions of the Synod
29 (2007 *Handbook* 7.1.1 and 7.1.2); be it, therefore,

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31 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District Convention memorialize the Synod in convention in 2010
32 that any overtures and resolutions submitted to a convention of Synod regarding theological
33 opinions rendered by the Commission on Constitutional Matters must be given time for
34 consideration by the convention of Synod and may not be removed from the docket when such
35 overtures are submitted by an official district conference of ordained and/or commissioned
36 ministers, the faculty of an educational institution of the Synod, the Board of Directors of the
37 Synod, or a district convention; and be it further

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39 RESOLVED, that any CCM opinion, which has been challenged as outlined above, and which receives
40 no time for consideration by the convention of Synod, be declared null and void upon the
41 adjournment of that convention of Synod.

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43 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

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45 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **OVERTURE 09-11**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Faithfully Uphold the Teaching of Creationism in the Year 2009 When Many**
4 **Are Celebrating Charles Darwin and His Theory of Evolution**

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6 Whereas, many are celebrating the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of his
7 book *Origin of Species* in 2009, and

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9 Whereas, Darwin's theory of uniformitarianism—slow gradual change, coupled with the selection
10 mechanism, survival of the fittest—explains life as evolving without God as the Maker of the
11 heavens and the earth, and

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13 Whereas, the theory of evolution is widely taught as the only explanation for the origin of life in our
14 nation's public schools and universities, and

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16 Whereas, Darwin thought it would be only a matter of time before the missing links in the fossil record
17 would be found thereby validating his theory, but, despite much digging, the fossil record does
18 not today support the theory of evolution and the missing links are still missing, and

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20 Whereas, according to the theory of evolution, all life is simply the product of time and chance with the
21 first cell having been generated by the spontaneous generation of life from non-life out of the
22 primordial pond, and

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24 Whereas, scientists such as Louis Pasteur have proven that spontaneous generation is not possible and
25 today we know that the complexity of living things is so great that according to probability
26 theory it would be virtually impossible for even one (information rich) cell to have happened by
27 chance, and

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29 Whereas, the scientific method requires not only a theory but also observable and repeatable
30 documentation of a theory which has not been the case with the theory of evolution, and since
31 evolution cannot be proven, it can only be accepted on the basis of faith, just as creationism is
32 accepted on the basis of faith, and

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34 Whereas, evolution explains death as part of the natural process but the Bible says that death is the
35 result of sin, and

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37 Whereas, the Bible states that God created the heavens and the earth in six twenty-four hour days and
38 rested on the seventh day and, further, that we are always to be ready to give an answer for
39 the hope that is in us, therefore, be it

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41 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rejects the
42 theory of evolution as unscientific and unproven, and be it further

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44 RESOLVED, that the NWD condemns evolution (including theistic evolution) as being contrary to
45 Scripture and destructive of faith in Christ, since Jesus is God's answer to the problem of sin
46 and death, and be it finally

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48 RESOLVED, that, the NWD in this the year of our Lord 2009 respectfully, humbly, and faithfully
49 reaffirms its belief in a literal six day creation as taught in Genesis chapters one through three,
50 since God was there at the beginning and, therefore, the creation story is the record of One
51 present and is accurate.

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53 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

1 **OVERTURE 09-13**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Encourage NWD Congregations to Show Ben Stein's "Expelled: No**
4 **Intelligence Allowed" Movie to Their Members and/or in their Communities**

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6 Whereas, the LCMS teaches, according to Genesis chapters one and two, that God created the world in
7 six days, and

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9 Whereas, many today, especially in the scientific community, believe that the theory of evolution is the
10 right explanation for origins (in other words that all life is the product of time and chance and
11 survival of the fittest), and

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13 Whereas, the teaching of evolution undermines all of Scripture (if the first chapters of Genesis are
14 wrong, then what else is wrong with the Bible) and the Christian faith, and

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16 Whereas, in this battle over the question of origins, our public institutions of learning (grade schools,
17 high schools, and universities) are increasingly denying the free expression of any idea except
18 that of evolution as the answer to how life began, and

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20 Whereas, we live in a country that allows for the free expression of ideas, and

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22 Whereas, the movie "Expelled" documents "that educators and scientists are being ridiculed, denied
23 tenure, and even fired—for merely believing that there might be evidence of 'design' in nature",
24 and

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26 Whereas, scientific investigation can only be hampered in the end by not allowing free discussion of all
27 possibilities, including that of creationism and intelligent design, as it tries to answer the
28 question of origins, and

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30 Whereas, this movie provides a venue for examining what is happening in and around us here in the
31 United States of America, and

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33 Whereas, Jude 3 appeals "to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints,"
34 and 1 Peter 3.15 states that God's children are "always being prepared to make a defense to
35 anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you," (ESV) therefore, be it

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37 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the NWD are encouraged to show Ben Stein's "Expelled: No
38 Intelligence Allowed" movie to their members and in their communities as opportunity avails
39 itself, and be it finally

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41 RESOLVED, that information about this overture and the movie "Expelled" be published in the "North
42 Wisconsin Messenger" (insert in the "Lutheran Witness") and in the "Northern Herald."

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44 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

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46 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **OVERTURE 09-15**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Address the Role of the Floor Committee(s) on Resolutions In Declining**
4 **Submitted Overtures For North Wisconsin District Conventions**

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6 Whereas, at the 2006 NWD Convention eleven of eighteen overtures were declined by the floor
7 committee and placed in a single omnibus resolution limiting the due attention of the delegates,
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10 Whereas, during the course of the convention, four of the declined overtures were removed and three
11 of those four were passed (two of them being combined into one resolution) and two other
12 overtures were respectfully referred to the district president, and

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14 Whereas, removal from the omnibus resolution consumed valuable convention floor time, and

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16 Whereas, "conventions 'are the principal legislative assemblies' of the District (2007 handbook of the
17 LCMS), it is appropriate that those groups who are allowed to submit overtures have
18 opportunity to do so, and that when possible those overtures receive due attention by the
19 delegates" (quoted from 1/6/09 e-mail by President Joel Hoelter), and

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21 Whereas, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, 10th edition, "In the simplest arrangement, the
22 Resolutions Committee has only the power to put resolutions in proper form, eliminate
23 duplication where similar resolutions are offered, and ensure that all resolutions relating to a
24 specific subject will be offered in a logical sequence," (page 616) and

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26 Whereas, neither the NWD bylaws (4.05) nor the LCMS bylaws (3.1.7) (which we also must follow per
27 NWD bylaw 1.01 d.) give express authority to decline overtures except NWD Bylaw 4.05d which
28 was not applicable here since all the overtures were published, and

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30 Whereas, district conventions need to discuss the business before the church and not avoid it, and

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32 Whereas, the Christian church has always profited from discussion and controversy such as the
33 Trinitarian and Christological controversies of the early church which brought us the Nicene
34 Creed and the Reformation controversies which produced the *Book of Concord* and let the light
35 of the Gospel shine forth clearly once again, therefore be it

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37 RESOLVED, that the District President instruct the floor committee(s) on resolutions to follow NWD
38 bylaw 4.05, Convention Overtures, and *Robert's Rules of Order* which will properly and
39 efficiently bring submitted overtures to the convention floor for discussion and voting.

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41 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

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43 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **OVERTURE 09-17**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Address The Proper Lutheran Etiquette for Congregations Calling a Pastor**
4 **For North Wisconsin District Convention**
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6 Whereas, many congregations that are calling have calling committees that have never been a part of
7 the calling process, and
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9 Whereas, there is no SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) in place nor a place to go that can give
10 guidelines, answer questions, and define terms so that a call is made in good and proper
11 churchly order, and
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13 Whereas, there are so many different procedures used throughout the synod, many adopted from
14 secular institutions, such as the broad use of interviews or the seeing of a SET and PIF as
15 resumes, and the like; that have caused great distress within the calling congregations and for
16 the called pastor and his family, and
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18 Whereas, there are many misunderstood aspects to the calling process that have led congregations
19 into undesirable situations, and
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21 Whereas, there are many financial situations that are not addressed within the compensation
22 guidelines that go along with issuing a call, this SOP ought to include a more thoroughly
23 explained compensation guideline that also includes examples, and
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25 Whereas, there is an imbalance as to how names get submitted for nomination to a call list, in that the
26 District, the Congregation and neighboring pastors need to have input as we are our brother's
27 keepers, no one is an island, and each effect the other, and
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29 Whereas, much of the information given to a congregation from synod and district is technical, most
30 need to have such things detailed as to how it effects their particular situation and
31 congregation, and
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33 Whereas, many of the members of congregations do not know who or why a candidate for a call would
34 be a good choice, there needs to be proper channels open to understand differences in
35 practice, and that it is not just a matter of personality, such as level of charisma, but rather on
36 theological grounds, that make for a good decision, and
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38 Whereas, we strive to walk together, and should then adopt a standard by which all congregations
39 follow to call a pastor to the best of their ability and as the situation allows, therefore be it
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41 **RESOLVED**, that the District adopt a SOP for the calling process, to include a dictionary of terms,
42 suggested time-lines, etc., and
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44 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this SOP specifically protect the rights of the congregation to call a pastor of
45 their choice, and to protect the rights and responsibilities of the circuit pastors to advise the
46 calling process, and
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48 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this SOP be posted on the North Wisconsin District web site.
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50 **Circuit 03 Forum**

1 **OVERTURE 09-19**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Speak Out Against Excessive CEO Compensation**

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5 Whereas, Jesus summarizes the second table of the law with "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt.
6 19:19), and John the Baptist exhorts, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has
7 none" (Lk.3.11), therefore, the child of God works diligently "as working for the Lord," (Col.
8 3.23) not hoarding up "treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy" (Mt. 6.19), but
9 working so he/she has "something to share with those in need" (Eph. 4.28), and, thus, Christian
10 love directs us to share the wealth rather than to hoard it; and

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12 Whereas, capitalism allows the market place to set wage rates and to reward employees with great
13 responsibility and/or great abilities with commensurate pay; and

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15 Whereas, a report from the Institute for Policy Studies/United for a Fair Economy, "Executive Excess
16 2008," (http://www.faireconomy.org/executive_excess_reports) shows that chief executive
17 officer (CEO) pay in 2007 for S&P 500 CEOs was \$10,544,470, which is "344 times the pay of
18 an average American worker" of \$30,617 or "866 times as much as minimum wage employees"
19 and that "private investment managers earned an average of \$588 million," or "more than
20 19,000 times as much as average worker pay" (page 3); and

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22 Whereas, the CEO-worker pay ratio was only 42-to-1 as recently as 1980 (page 1 of "Executive Excess
23 2006"); and

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25 Whereas, the accumulation of power in the executive boardrooms in recent years has taken advantage
26 of American prosperity increasing substantially CEO pay in the last thirty years, unchecked to a
27 large extent by our capitalistic system, and

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29 Whereas, J. P. Morgan, eminent business leader of 100 years ago, "considered 20-to-1 the appropriate
30 pay gap between workers and CEOs," and, more recently, "Peter Drucker, the esteemed
31 founder of modern management science who passed away last November [2005], advocated
32 the same 20-to-1 ratio;" (page 41 of "Executive Excess 2006"), and

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34 Whereas, ironically, during the recent financial crises it has been the average American taxpayer who
35 has had to bail out numerous large corporations, such as Freddie Mac, CEO salary of "nearly
36 \$19.8 million" in 2007 and Fannie Mae, CEO salary of \$13.4 million in 2007 (page 15 of
37 "Executive Excess 2008), as well as various banks, financial institutions, and automobile
38 companies, while their highly paid executives keep this excessive pay, and

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40 Whereas, Martin Luther did not hesitate to speak of economic matters and says, for example,
41 "Everyone should conduct his trade, craft, and business in such a way that he overcharges no
42 one, cheats no one with false wares, is satisfied with a fair profit, and gives people something
43 worthwhile for their penny" (§1303, *What Luther Says*), and

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45 Whereas, while unable to dictate economic policy, God's children should not hesitate to let the light of
46 God's Word shine into our nation's business community regarding our concern over excessive
47 executive compensation; therefore, be it

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49 **RESOLVED**, that the North Wisconsin District Convention memorialize the Synod in convention in 2010
50 to encourage LCMS pastors to teach and encourage biblical stewardship which looks for
51 opportunities to share the bounty we have in the United States with those in need rather than
52 hoarding up wealth; and be it further

54 RESOLVED, that the Synod urge its members to speak out publicly as they have opportunity against
55 these corporate excesses; and be it further

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57 RESOLVED, that the Synod goes on record as encouraging corporate America to reduce the excessive
58 CEO-worker pay ratio; and be it finally

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60 RESOLVED, that the Synod encourages the President of the United States and Congress to enact
61 legislation to help reign-in excessive CEO compensation.

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63 **Christ Lutheran Church - Trego, Wisconsin**

1 **LATE OVERTURE 09-21**

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4 **SUBJECT: To Give Thanks to God, and Properly Compensate Our Circuit Counselors**

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6 Whereas, Scripture is clear in stating that good and able workers should be properly compensated for
7 their work. St. Paul is specific when he quotes the Law of Moses and the teaching of Jesus in 1
8 Timothy 5:17-18, by saying: ¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy
9 of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture
10 says, Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain, (Deuteronomy 25:4), and The
11 worker deserves his wages. (Luke 10:7) Elders refer to those who occupy official positions of
12 leadership in the church. The task of the elders was to direct the affairs of the church. For
13 their oversight all elders received a stipend; but those who excelled in this ministry of
14 leadership were to be considered worthy of double honor, or twice the remuneration as the
15 rest, and

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17 Whereas, most congregations follow these directives when they compensate Pastors, Teachers, Various
18 Commissioned Ministers of Religion, Vacancy Pastors, and have extended these directives to
19 people who do good service for the congregations, such as secretaries, organists and janitors,
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22 Whereas, Synodical Districts follow similar procedures as they compensate District Presidents, District
23 Executives, and Vice-Presidents, and other district personnel, and

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25 Whereas, the rationale in the case of district executives and Vice-Presidents is that they are extensions
26 of the President's office and perform needed service and ministry within the district, and

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28 Whereas, with respect to Circuit Counselors the Synodical Handbook specifically says Each circuit
29 counselor shall assist the district president within the circuit. (a) He shall serve under the
30 direction of and be accountable to the district president, and shall serve as his spokesman when
31 so authorized and directed and shall assist him in doctrinal and spiritual supervision, and (k)
32 The circuit counselor is authorized to draw on the district treasury for his expenses. (Bylaw
33 5.2.3, 2007 Synodical Handbook), and

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35 Whereas, district Vice-presidents are paid \$3,780 per year for their time and effort, and district
36 executives are paid according to the District Salary Scale, and

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38 Whereas, Circuit Counselors are not compensated for their time and effort, except for
39 reimbursement of automobile mileage at \$.505 per mile, and

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41 Whereas, Circuit Counselors invest large amounts of personal time, NOT congregation time, to
42 perform their duties when they assist congregations in filling vacancies, attend call
43 committee meetings, (usually a minimum of three meetings EACH TIME the congregation
44 extends a call, which meetings often take more than 3 hours), attend congregation call
45 meetings, deal with congregation issues and conflicts, counsel brother Pastors, take phone
46 calls, respond to e-mails, and fulfill the other duties of his office, (see Bylaw 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4,
47 Synodical Handbook, 2007 edition, pages 194-198 for complete job description of circuit
48 counselors), and

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50 Whereas, some circuits are geographically challenged, requiring as many as 3 hours of non-reimbursed
51 driving time by the circuit counselor to attend meetings, or deal with congregation issues, and
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53 Whereas, these are all district duties, and

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55 Whereas, these duties deprive the families of the Circuit Counselor of his time, and

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57 Whereas, it is becoming more and more difficult to get qualified men to assume the duties of these
58 offices for the above reasons, and

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60 Whereas, our Circuit Counselors are not greedy, but deserving of compensation, therefore be it

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62 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District expresses its thanks to God for these dedicated Pastors
63 who are willing to serve in this office, and be it further

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65 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District expresses its thanks directly to our circuit counselors by
66 offering them an annual stipend equal to \$100, times the number of congregations in their
67 circuits, thereby acknowledging the amount of time required by individual congregations in the
68 circuit counselor's exercise of his ministry to them, and be it further

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70 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District fund this amount in the spirit of Synodical Bylaw 5.2.3(k),
71 drawing on the district treasury for these expenses, specifically the account designated for the
72 operation of the Office of the District President, at whose pleasure they serve, and be it finally

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74 Resolved, that any circuit counselor who feels he can not accept this remuneration, is free to return it
75 to the District Treasury.

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77 **Zion Lutheran Church – Wayside, Wisconsin**

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RESOLUTION 09-02

SUBJECT: Resolution for North Wisconsin District Convention Reaffirming Holy Baptism

PREAMBLE "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (*Ephesians 2:8-10*)

We believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, by His crucifixion and His resurrection. He brings this salvation to us by the power of His living Word (*Romans 10:17*), which is also the power working in His Sacraments (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Ephesians 5:26*). This saving grace creates saving faith in us (*Galatians 3:26-27*), which in turn leads to new life that witnesses daily to the love of our living Savior Jesus Christ (*Romans 6:3-4*).

We seek to joyfully proclaim these Scriptural truths in our congregations and in the daily lives of our members. We who have been saved *from* sin are also saved *for* discipleship under our Lord Jesus. And we recognize and reaffirm that Holy Baptism is God's work of grace to begin that first day of new life as His disciples, and bring it to completion in His Day (*Philippians 1:6*)!

RATIONALE:

Whereas, Scripture clearly teaches that Holy Baptism is God's gift and God's work in us;

Whereas, Scripture also teaches our need for the blessings of God that He bestows in and through Holy Baptism;

Whereas, Scripture teaches those whom the Spirit baptizes He also brings to new life in Christ;

Whereas, our Lutheran Confessions rightly assert what God's Word has taught regarding His power at work in Holy Baptism;

Whereas, many of our members mistakenly believe that since they are baptized, they are excused from any further life with Christ and His Church;

Whereas, many of our members have mistakenly ignored the Lord's call to daily contrition, repentance and new life as a Baptized child of God; and...

Whereas, many of our members are being led to denominations which deny the efficacy of Holy Baptism as a means of grace; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we encourage our congregations to re-embrace the salvation and newness of life which God gives in Holy Baptism; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our congregations will, in our preaching and teaching, make a purposeful effort to renew our member's faith and knowledge of God's Word regarding Holy Baptism, and to do so within one year of adoption of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our congregations will reaffirm the Biblical invitation and expectation to baptize infants, and to clearly explain from God's Word why we do; and be it finally

52 RESOLVED, that our congregations will lovingly apply God's Word corporately and individually, that
53 by the power of the Holy Spirit, our members will be inspired to not only celebrate God's
54 initiation of their salvation in Holy Baptism, but also joyfully and daily demonstrate their faith
55 response to the grace God has given them in Christ Jesus.

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57 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-04**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Amend NWD Bylaws Regarding Term Limits for District President, Vice**
4 **Presidents, Secretary and Circuit Counselors**

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6 The Rationale for this recommendation is to limit the problem of 'bureaucratitus' that is present in
7 organizations as individuals stay in office for long periods of time. These individuals can get in a rut,
8 become isolated from the people, and tend to accumulate power which then becomes the basis for
9 decisions rather than clear thinking. While some may see elections as eliminating these problems
10 "because you can always vote them out of office," the momentum of incumbency is difficult to
11 overcome even when someone is doing a bad job.

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13 As opposed to re-election without limit, it is healthy to get new blood into an organization along
14 with a fresh perspective. Other synodical districts have imposed term limits on, for example, their
15 president, and other elected offices in our district have term limits. Therefore, it will be good
16 administrative procedure to apply term limits to district officers as well. This change also reinforces the
17 long tradition in the LCMS of allowing God's Word to guide us rather than depending on the
18 bureaucracy to get the job done.

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20 Whereas, the problem of 'bureaucratitus' is present within the church as well as without, and

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22 Whereas, all district offices with the exception of officers have term limits imposed on them, and

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24 Whereas, while bureaucracy is necessary in an organization, it can also be the source of problems as
25 Martin Luther ran into five hundred years ago, and

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27 Whereas, it the Word of God that guides us in all good things, therefore, be it

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29 RESOLVED, that Bylaw 3.02.b. be restated as follows:

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31 b. The Office of President, Vice President, Secretary of the District and of the Circuit Counselors
32 shall be ~~without limitation as to re-election~~ *ineligible for re-election to the same position after*
33 *servng a total of three complete successive terms.* All other elected District officers and
34 members of the District Board of Directors and of all standing committees shall be ineligible
35 for re-election to the same position after serving a total of two complete successive terms.
36 Appointed members of District standing committees, and committees shall be ineligible for re-
37 appointment after serving a total of two complete successive terms. Officers, members of the
38 Board of Directors, standing committees, committees and commissions may become eligible
39 again for election or appointment to the same office, board or committee after an interval of
40 three or more years.

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42 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-06**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Amend the District Handbook**

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5 Whereas, the 2006 Convention of the North Wisconsin District approved the adoption of
6 policy-based governance; and

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8 Whereas, during the past triennium, the North Wisconsin District Board of Directors has
9 worked to incorporate those changes that are necessary to operate within the
10 Constitution and Bylaws of Synod; therefore be it

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12 Resolved, that the proposed changes approved by the North Wisconsin District Board of
13 Directors and recommended by the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters be
14 adopted. (See Tab 2 – District Reports – 2009 District Handbook)

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17 **Floor Committee #1 – Joel Danner, Chairman**

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23 **See proposed 2009 District Handbook under Tab 2 – District Reports.**

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1 **RESOLUTION 09-08**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Revise the Selection and Number of CCM Members**

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5 Whereas, the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM) exists to interpret the Constitution, Bylaws,
6 and resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the governing instruments of the Synod and its
7 agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2);
8 and
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10 Whereas, all five voting members of the CCM currently are appointed by the President of the Synod
11 as outlined in Synod Bylaw 3.9.2.1.1: *“(a) Candidates shall be nominated only by the district*
12 *boards of directors and shall be presented to the Council of Presidents through the Office of the*
13 *Secretary. (b) The Council of Presidents shall select five candidates for each vacant position*
14 *and present them through the office of the Secretary of the Synod to the President of the*
15 *Synod. (c) The President of the Synod, in consultation with the vice-presidents of the Synod,*
16 *shall appoint the members of the commission from the list presented by the Council of*
17 *Presidents. (d) Thereafter the appointments shall become effective upon ratification by a*
18 *majority vote of the members of the Council of Presidents.”*; and
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20 Whereas, an opinion rendered by the CCM shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it
21 is overruled by a convention of the Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)); and
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23 Whereas, the President of the Synod also appoints the convention floor committees (2007 *Handbook*
24 3.1.7) and is responsible for the overall organization and operations of the conventions of the S
25 Synod (2007 *Handbook* 3.1.9); and
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27 Whereas, the same man who currently appoints all CCM members also organizes and chairs the floor
28 committees, the mechanism provided through which resolutions must be passed within the
29 LCMS for overruling CCM decisions, and
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31 Whereas, this structure may have the potential to create a conflict of interest; therefore be it
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33 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District Convention memorialize the Synod in convention in 2010
34 to expand the membership of the CCM from five voting members to seven voting members,
35 consisting of four pastors and three attorneys; and be it finally
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37 RESOLVED, that the selection of these voting members be in accordance with the following: one
38 pastor and one attorney appointed by the President of the Synod (using 2007 *Handbook*
39 3.9.2.1.1 for these two positions), one pastor and one attorney appointed by the Synod Board
40 of Directors (using 2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.1.1(a)(b) with vacancies from these two positions
41 filled by the BOD), and two pastors and one attorney elected by the Synod in convention (using
42 2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.1.1(a)(b) with vacancies from these three positions filled by election of
43 the delegates during the remainder of their three year term as defined in 3.1.2.2).
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45 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-10**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Require Consideration of CCM-Related Overtures and Resolutions Pertaining**
4 **to Theological Matters By Conventions of Synod**
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6 Whereas, "The Commission on Constitutional Matters exists to interpret the Constitution, Bylaws, and
7 resolutions of the Synod and ensure that the governing instruments of the Synod and its
8 agencies are in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2);
9 and

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11 Whereas, "An opinion rendered by the CCM shall be binding on the question decided unless and until it
12 is overruled by a convention of the Synod. Overtures to a convention that seek to overrule an
13 opinion of the commission shall support the proposed action with substantive rationale from the
14 Constitution, Bylaws, and resolutions of the Synod. All such overtures shall be considered by
15 the floor committee to which they have been assigned and shall be included in a specific report
16 to the convention with recommendations for appropriate action" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c));
17 and

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19 Whereas, there is a review procedure when "an opinion pertains to business, legal, or property matters
20 and the Board of Directors of the Synod concludes that such opinion of the commission is
21 contrary to the laws of the State of Missouri," (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)); and

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23 Whereas, the only remedy when the opinion pertains to theological matters is "consideration by the
24 floor committee" (2007 *Handbook* 3.9.2.2(c)) which does not necessarily result in consideration
25 by the convention of Synod, thus, allowing an opinion on theological matters to remain binding
26 without review of the convention; and

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28 Whereas, amendments to the bylaws are the responsibility of ONLY the conventions of the Synod
29 (2007 *Handbook* 7.1.1 and 7.1.2); be it, therefore,

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31 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District Convention memorialize the Synod in convention in 2010
32 that any overtures and resolutions submitted to a convention of Synod regarding theological
33 opinions rendered by the Commission on Constitutional Matters must be given time for
34 consideration by the convention of Synod and may not be removed from the docket when such
35 overtures are submitted by an official district conference of ordained and/or commissioned
36 ministers, the faculty of an educational institution of the Synod, the Board of Directors of the
37 Synod, or a district convention; and be it further

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39 RESOLVED, that any CCM opinion which has been challenged as outlined in the first resolved, and
40 which receives no time for consideration by the convention of Synod, be declared null and void
41 upon the adjournment of that convention of Synod.

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43 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-12**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Faithfully Uphold the Teaching of Creationism in the Year 2009 When Many**
4 **Are Celebrating Charles Darwin and His Theory of Evolution**

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6 Whereas, many are celebrating the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of his
7 book *Origin of Species* in 2009, and

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9 Whereas, Darwin's theory of uniformitarianism—slow gradual change, coupled with the selection
10 mechanism, survival of the fittest—explains life as evolving without God as the Maker of the
11 heavens and the earth, and

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13 Whereas, the theory of evolution is widely taught as the only explanation for the origin of life in our
14 nation's public schools and universities, and

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16 Whereas, Darwin thought it would be only a matter of time before the missing links in the fossil record
17 would be found thereby validating his theory, but, despite much digging, the fossil record does
18 not today support the theory of evolution and the missing links are still missing, and

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20 Whereas, according to the theory of evolution, all life is simply the product of time and chance with the
21 first cell having been generated by the spontaneous generation of life from non-life out of the
22 primordial pond, and

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24 Whereas, scientists such as Louis Pasteur have proven that spontaneous generation is not possible and
25 today we know that the complexity of living things is so great that according to probability
26 theory it would be virtually impossible for even one (information rich) cell to have happened by
27 chance, and

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29 Whereas, the scientific method requires not only a theory but also observable and repeatable
30 documentation of a theory which has not been the case with the theory of evolution, and since
31 evolution cannot be proven, it can only be accepted on the basis of faith, just as creationism is
32 accepted on the basis of faith, and

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34 Whereas, evolution explains death as part of the natural process but the Bible says that death is the
35 result of sin, and

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37 Whereas, the Bible states that God created the heavens and the earth in six twenty-four hour days and
38 rested on the seventh day and, further, that we are always to be ready to give an answer for
39 the hope that is in us, therefore, be it

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41 RESOLVED, that the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rejects the
42 theory of evolution as unscientific and unproven, and be it further

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44 RESOLVED, that the NWD condemns evolution (including theistic evolution) as being contrary to
45 Scripture and destructive of faith in Christ, since Jesus is God's answer to the problem of sin
46 and death, and be it finally

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48 RESOLVED, that, the NWD in this the year of our Lord 2009 respectfully, humbly, and faithfully
49 reaffirms its belief in a literal six day creation as taught in Genesis chapters one through three,
50 since God was there at the beginning and, therefore, the creation story is the record of the One
51 present and is accurate.

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53 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-14**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Encourage NWD Congregations to Show Ben Stein’s “Expelled: No**
4 **Intelligence Allowed” Movie to Their Members and/or in their Communities**

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6 Whereas, the LCMS teaches, according to Genesis chapters one and two, that God created the world in
7 six days, and

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9 Whereas, many today, especially in the scientific community, believe that the theory of evolution is the
10 right explanation for origins (in other words that all life is the product of time and chance and
11 survival of the fittest), and

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13 Whereas, the teaching of evolution undermines all of Scripture and the Christian faith, and

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15 Whereas, in this battle over the question of origins, our public institutions of learning (grade schools,
16 high schools, and universities) are increasingly denying the free expression of any idea except
17 that of evolution as the answer to how life began, and

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19 Whereas, we live in a country that allows for the free expression of ideas, and

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21 Whereas, the movie “Expelled” documents “that educators and scientists are being ridiculed, denied
22 tenure, and even fired—for merely believing that there might be evidence of ‘design’ in nature”,
23 and

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25 Whereas, scientific investigation can only be hampered in the end by not allowing free discussion of all
26 possibilities, including that of creationism and intelligent design, as it tries to answer the
27 question of origins, and

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29 Whereas, this movie provides a venue for examining what is happening in and around us here in the
30 United States of America, and

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32 Whereas, Jude 3 appeals “to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints,”
33 and 1 Peter 3.15 states that God’s children are “always being prepared to make a defense to
34 anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you,” (ESV) therefore, be it

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36 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the NWD are encouraged to show Ben Stein’s “Expelled: No
37 Intelligence Allowed” movie to their members and in their communities as opportunity avails
38 itself, and be it further

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40 **RESOLVED**, that information about this overture and the movie “Expelled” be published in the “North
41 Wisconsin Messenger” (insert in the “Lutheran Witness”) and in the “Northern Herald.”

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43 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-16**

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3 **SUBJECT: To Address the Role of the Floor Committee(s) on Resolutions For North**
4 **Wisconsin District Conventions**

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6 Whereas, at the 2006 NWD Convention eleven of eighteen overtures were declined by the floor
7 committee and placed in a single omnibus resolution limiting the due attention of the delegates,
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10 Whereas, during the course of the convention, four of the declined overtures were removed and three
11 of those four were passed (two of them being combined into one resolution) and two other
12 overtures were respectfully referred to the district president, and
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14 Whereas, removal from the omnibus resolution consumed valuable convention floor time, and
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16 Whereas, "conventions 'are the principal legislative assemblies' of the District (2007 handbook of the
17 LCMS), it is appropriate that those groups who are allowed to submit overtures have
18 opportunity to do so, and that when possible those overtures receive due attention by the
19 delegates" (quoted from 1/6/09 e-mail by President Joel Hoelter), and
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21 Whereas, according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, 10th edition, "In the simplest arrangement, the
22 Resolutions Committee has only the power to put resolutions in proper form, eliminate
23 duplication where similar resolutions are offered, and ensure that all resolutions relating to a
24 specific subject will be offered in a logical sequence," (page 616) and
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26 Whereas, neither the NWD bylaws (4.05) nor the LCMS bylaws (3.1.7) give express authority to decline
27 overtures except NWD Bylaw 4.05d which was not applicable here since all the overtures were
28 published, and
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30 Whereas, district conventions need to discuss the business before the church and not avoid it, and
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32 Whereas, the Christian church has always profited from discussion and controversy such as the
33 Trinitarian and Christological controversies of the early church which brought us the Nicene
34 Creed and the Reformation controversies which produced the *Book of Concord* and let the light
35 of the Gospel shine forth clearly once again, therefore be it
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37 RESOLVED, that the District President continue to instruct the floor committee(s) on resolutions to
38 follow NWD bylaw 4.05, Convention Overtures, and *Robert's Rules of Order* which will properly and
39 efficiently bring submitted overtures to the convention floor for discussion and voting.
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41 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-18**

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4 **SUBJECT: To Give Thanks to God, and Properly Compensate Our Circuit Counselors**

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6 Whereas, Scripture is clear in stating that good and able workers should be properly compensated for
7 their work. St. Paul is specific when he quotes the Law of Moses and the teaching of Jesus in 1
8 Timothy 5:17-18, by saying: ¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy
9 of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture
10 says, Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain, (Deuteronomy 25:4), and The
11 worker deserves his wages. (Luke 10:7) Elders refer to those who occupy official positions of
12 leadership in the church. The task of the elders was to direct the affairs of the church. For
13 their oversight all elders received a stipend; but those who excelled in this ministry of
14 leadership were to be considered worthy of double honor, or twice the remuneration as the
15 rest, and

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17 Whereas, most congregations follow these directives when they compensate Pastors, Teachers, Various
18 Commissioned Ministers of Religion, Vacancy Pastors, and have extended these directives to
19 people who do good service for the congregations, such as secretaries, organists and janitors,
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22 Whereas, Synodical Districts follow similar procedures as they compensate District Presidents, District
23 Executives, and Vice-Presidents, and other district personnel, and

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25 Whereas, the rationale in the case of district executives and Vice-Presidents is that they are extensions
26 of the President's office and perform needed service and ministry within the district, and

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28 Whereas, with respect to Circuit Counselors the Synodical Handbook specifically says Each circuit
29 counselor shall assist the district president within the circuit. (a) He shall serve under the
30 direction of and be accountable to the district president, and shall serve as his spokesman when
31 so authorized and directed and shall assist him in doctrinal and spiritual supervision, and (k)
32 The circuit counselor is authorized to draw on the district treasury for his expenses. (Bylaw
33 5.2.3, 2007 Synodical Handbook), and

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35 Whereas, district Vice-presidents are paid \$3,780 per year for their time and effort, and district
36 executives are paid according to the District Salary Scale, and

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38 Whereas, Circuit Counselors are not compensated for their time and effort, except for
39 reimbursement of automobile mileage at \$.505 per mile, and

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41 Whereas, Circuit Counselors invest large amounts of personal time, NOT congregation time, to
42 perform their duties when they assist congregations in filling vacancies, attend call
43 committee meetings, (usually a minimum of three meetings EACH TIME the congregation
44 extends a call, which meetings often take more than 3 hours), attend congregation call
45 meetings, deal with congregation issues and conflicts, counsel brother Pastors, take phone
46 calls, respond to e-mails, and fulfill the other duties of his office, (see Bylaw 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4,
47 Synodical Handbook, 2007 edition, pages 194-198 for complete job description of circuit
48 counselors), and

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50 Whereas, some circuits are geographically challenged, requiring as many as 3 hours of non-reimbursed
51 driving time by the circuit counselor to attend meetings, or deal with congregation issues, and
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53 Whereas, these are all district duties, and

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55 Whereas, these duties deprive the families of the Circuit Counselor of his time, and

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57 Whereas, it is becoming more and more difficult to get qualified men to assume the duties of these
58 offices for the above reasons, and

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60 Whereas, our Circuit Counselors are not greedy, but deserving of compensation, therefore be it

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62 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District expresses its thanks to God for these dedicated Pastors
63 who are willing to serve in this office, and be it further

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65 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District expresses its thanks directly to our circuit counselors by
66 offering them an annual stipend equal to \$100, times the number of congregations in their
67 circuits, thereby acknowledging the amount of time required by individual congregations in the
68 circuit counselor's exercise of his ministry to them, and be it further

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70 Resolved, that the North Wisconsin District fund this amount in the spirit of Synodical Bylaw 5.2.3(k),
71 drawing on the district treasury for these expenses, specifically the account designated for the
72 operation of the Office of the District President, at whose pleasure they serve, and be it finally

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74 Resolved, that any circuit counselor who feels he can not accept this remuneration, is free to return it
75 to the District Treasury.

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77 **Floor Committee #1 – Joel Danner, Chairman**

1 **RESOLUTION 09-20**

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3 **SUBJECT: To decline certain Overtures**

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5 RESOLVED, that the following overtures be respectfully declined for the reason indicated:

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7 **09-21 – To Address the Proper Lutheran Etiquette for Congregations Calling a Pastor for**
8 **North Wisconsin District Convention: Standard Operating Procedures currently exist in the**
9 ***Council of Presidents Manual* and the *Circuit Counselors Manual*.**

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11 **09-23 – To Speak Out Against Excessive CEO Compensation: This overture calls upon the**
12 **Synod to act beyond its stated purposes.**

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14 **Floor Committee #1 - Joel Danner, Chairman**