

### Convention Resolution Action Grid

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CONVENTION ACTION</b>
1-01	To Accept Reports	Adopted
1-02	To Continue "Tracking The Spirit" As An Effective Movement Of Outreach For The 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Amended by re-inserting Bible passages from Overture, then Adopted
1-03	To Adopt A Special Triennium Mission Project (2006-2009)	Adopted
1-04	To Empower And Equip The Priesthood Of All Believers For Ministry	Amended to change "empower" to "encourage", then Adopted
1-05	To Continue The Disabilities Awareness Task Force Of The Northwest District	Adopted
1-06A	To Continue And Support The Ethnic Ministries Task Force	Adopted
1-07A	To Utilize Graduates Of Lap	Adopted
1-08	Support For Pacific Rim Outreach Society	Adopted
2-01	To Delegate To The District President To Initiate Professional Church Worker Gatherings	Adopted
2-02	To Memorialize Synod To Allow Candidate Commissioned Ministers To Be A Congregation's Voting Delegate	Amended to strike "candidate" from the title, strike lines 12-20, and strike "such" in line30 and to replace the words "not serving at" with "a member of", then ADOPTED as Amended
2-03	To Work Toward Fulfilling The Great Commission	Adopted
2-04	To Memorialize The Synod To Revise Bylaw 4.3.2	Declined
2-05	To Accept Reports	Adopted

2-06	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Adopted
3-01	To Revise Bylaw 3.2.4 Changing The Term Of All Elected Officers Of Synod From Three To Six Years	Declined
3-02	To Memorialize The Synod To Revise The Selection Of National Synod Convention Floor Committees	Adopted
3-03	To Petition Synod to Broaden Representation in Church Issues	Adopted
3-04	To Accept Reports	Adopted
3-05A	To Respectfully Decline Overtures	Adopted
3-06	To Support Ministry to Military Personnel, Families and Congregations	Adopted
3-07	To Commend and Support the Ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ (OAFC)	Adopted
3-08	To More Closely Reflect Our Synod's Polity and Protect Our President's Reputation by Giving Every Voting Member of Synod a Vote	Declined
3-09	To Revise the Election of the President and First Vice President of Synod	Declined
Omnibus A	That the Overture(s) be placed in Resolution A to be referred to the designated board, commission, or individual	Adopted as Amended
Omnibus B	That petitioners offering the Overture(s) be referred to previous Convention action	Adopted
Omnibus E	Receives Overture(s) with consent: This is for "good" and "acceptable" overtures that can be accepted without convention dialog or debate; approved by consent.	Adopted

**#1 - Mission and District Ministries**

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**ASSIGNMENTS**

**OVERTURES: 1-01 through 1-07**

**REPORTS:           A through C**  
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## **RESOLUTION 1-01**

### **TO ACCEPT REPORTS**

WHEREAS, the Mission and District Ministries Floor Committee has reviewed the reports of the Northwest District LCMS Sixty-first Convention; Alaska Mission for Christ; Ambassadors of Reconciliation; Northwest District Archives Advisory Task Force; Lutherhaven Ministries Coeur d'Alene, ID; Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, Bellingham, WA; Camp Lutherwood Ministries, Cheshire, OR; Camp Ortoha, Okanogan County, WA; Camp Perkins Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, ID; Valley Camp, North Bend, WA; Chaplaincy; China Connection Task Force/Pacific Rim Outreach Society; Concordia Seminary, St Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne; Concordia University, Portland, OR; Constitutional Matters Task Force; Consultation to Clergy; Continuing Education; and Cross Country Mission Society, Inc.; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these committees to the life and mission of the District during the past triennium; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage their continuing efforts in the Lord's service during the next three years.

COMMITTEE # 1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Alaska Mission for Christ 4-1; Ambassadors of Reconciliation 4-2&3; Northwest District Archives Advisory Task Force 4-4; Lutherhaven Ministries Coeur d'Alene, ID 4-5&6; Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, Bellingham, WA 4-7&8; Camp Lutherwood Ministries, Cheshire, OR 4-9; Camp Ortoha, Okanogan County, WA 4-10; Camp Perkins Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, ID 4-11&12; Valley Camp, North Bend, WA 4-13; Chaplaincy 4-14; China Connection Task Force/Pacific Rim Outreach Society 4-15; Concordia Seminary, St Louis 4-16&17; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne 4-18; Concordia University, Portland, OR 4-19&20; Constitutional Matters Task Force 4-21; Consultation to Clergy 4-22; Continuing Education 4-23; and Cross Country Mission Society 4-24&25)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 1-02**

### **TO CONTINUE “TRACKING THE SPIRIT” AS AN EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT OF OUTREACH FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

WHEREAS, the New Testament provides the church with a Biblical basis for outreach to lost people and provides effective models for outreach to the lost by planting churches, Acts 16:15, Acts 2:46, Acts 20:20, Philemon 2, Romans 16:5, and 1 Timothy 5:13; and

WHEREAS, Synod through ABLAZE, has concentrated on critical events of reaching 100 million lost or mis-directed people with the Gospel message by 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District Board of Directors and leaders have encouraged the continued development of Tracking the Spirit as a movement of professional church workers, lay leaders, congregations, and individuals throughout the Northwest District-LCMS which supports the ABLAZE goal; and

WHEREAS, our Lord has said, “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”; and

WHEREAS, the culture of the area included in the Northwest District has been identified as the “most unchurched and de-churched” area of our country; and

WHEREAS, professional church workers, lay leaders, congregations, schools and individuals throughout the district have recognized that the primary emphasis of the church is conversion growth and identified with these principles through Tracking the Spirit in their daily lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District-LCMS continue to support Tracking the Spirit which encourages the following models of Gospel outreach:

1. Renewed or continued focus on prayer for the lost and for the leading of the Holy Spirit among us; and
2. Going to the people, where they are; and
3. Empowering new Christians through the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel within their existing network of relationships; and
4. Affirming the work of God among new believers within their specific cultures; and
5. Intentionally planting the seeds of the Gospel in their daily relationships with the confidence that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will grow, prosper and multiply these seeds.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Overture: 1-02, To Continue “Tracking The Spirit” As An Effective Movement Of Outreach For The 21<sup>st</sup> Century, page 6-3 & 4)

**ACTION: Adopted as amended**

## **RESOLUTION 1-03**

### **TO ADOPT A SPECIAL TRIENNIUM MISSION PROJECT (2006-2009)**

WHEREAS, the Northwest District has, for the 107 years, since its 1899 organizing convention at historic Zion Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon, consistently been known as an outreach and planting District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, in 1905, the Northwest District in response to the challenge of Synodical President Francis Pieper at the 1901 and 1903 District conventions to “grow your own crop” of pastors and teachers to serve this largest geographical district of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; (p. 113, God Opens Doors, “A Centennial Celebration of the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod”, Primer Press, 2000) established what has become Concordia University, Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the partnership of the Northwest District and Concordia University, which over the past 100 years, has:

- provided lay and professional church worker leaders for the District and Synod; and
- established a record and reputation of outreach, innovative lay training, and Synodically recognized leadership in national and international missions; and
- supported activities through which the Northwest District President and entire staff received the first LCMS Board of World Missions award of TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More); and
- partnered in the publication of the history of the first 100 years of the Northwest District, God Opens Doors (2000) that received the Contribution in Lutheran History: Major Publication Award of Commendation by Synod’s Concordia Historical Institute in November 2001; and has
- provided a multitude of records, resources, artifacts, and materials, that have been carefully cataloged and organized and need to be available for inspiration and instructive innovative patterns for future generations to fan into flame the gift of God; and

WHEREAS, these more than 100 years of practice and experience may indeed “rekindle in us the zeal of the founders and pioneers” (ibid, p. xiii); and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District and Concordia University seek to expand their partnership to create the Center for Lutheran Studies on the Concordia University Campus, aimed at:

- ensuring that Concordia University continues to explore and express its Lutheran identity;
- supporting training for Lutheran lay leaders and professional church workers; and
- creating opportunities to bring Lutheran perspectives, traditions and doctrine to bear on religious and social issues of interest and import to the Church in the Northwest; and
- providing an active and accessible collection of theological resources and archives of the Northwest District and Concordia University to document and support applied scholarship and research in support of the mission of the Church; therefore, be it

Res. 1-03 Continued

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention thank God for His many blessings over the past 107 years of the Northwest District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District 2006 Convention, in response to the compelling call of the Synodical ABLAZE! mission emphasis of reaching over 100 million people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, request the District Board of Directors make this emphasis a major triennium partnership with Concordia University, Portland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in response to God's blessings the Northwest District adopt, as its special mission emphasis for the next triennium (2006-2009), the establishment of the Center for Lutheran Studies to be placed on the campus of Concordia University, Portland, Oregon; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President appoint a Task Force to implement this resolution and coordinate the securing of prayer and financial support for this project; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District Board of Directors assume responsibility for the proper implementation of this project and the distribution of funds.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Overture: 1-03, To Adopt A Special Triennium Mission Project (2006-2009), page 6-5 & 6)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 1-04**

### **TO ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS FOR MINISTRY**

WHEREAS, Christians are consecrated priests through Baptism; and

WHEREAS, "The Priesthood of All Believers did not make everyone into a church worker; rather it turned every kind of work... into a sacred calling ... every kind of work is...an occasion for priesthood, for exercising a holy service to God and to one's neighbor." (Gene Edward Veith, Jr., God at Work, p. 19); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all Northwest District congregations, agencies, organizations and ministries be encouraged (Col 3:11) to intentionally structure their organizational life to mobilize all baptized Christians to minister through witness, prayer, and sacrificial service in all areas of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Northwest District congregations, agencies, organizations and ministries enable, and empower all their members, regardless of age and/or gender, to carry out their Christian vocation in all areas of life by declaring the wonderful deeds God has performed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District affirm the efforts of the Department of Expanding Ministries to deepen the public, congregational and personal ministries of all baptized Christians; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Northwest District congregations, agencies, organizations and ministries be committed to a more comprehensive use of all members of congregations for ministry; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District convention memorialize The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in the 2007 convention to encourage the faculties of both Seminaries and all Concordia Universities to continue to affirm the use of the Priesthood of All Believers.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Overture: 1-04, To Empower And Equip The Priesthood Of All Believers For Ministry , page 6-7 & 8)

**ACTION: Adopted as amended**

## **RESOLUTION 1-05**

### **TO CONTINUE THE DISABILITIES AWARENESS TASK FORCE OF THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the Northwest District in Convention assembled established the Disabilities Awareness Task Force and reappointed it at the 2003 Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Disabilities Awareness Task Force has carried on a number of extensive activities such as a congregational survey and conference workshops among others; and

WHEREAS, the broad field of awareness and inclusion challenges the Disabilities Awareness Task Force to carry out more and extensive activities to satisfy its mission; and

WHEREAS, a number of long-term activities are being planned, the effectiveness of the Task Force would be enhanced by a longer term; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in Convention assembled encourage the Disabilities Awareness Task Force to continue its activity to promote the sharing of the Gospel with people with disabilities and their inclusion in the ministry of the congregations of the Northwest District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District extend the life and activity of the Disabilities Awareness Task Force for six (6) years, or until the year 2012; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we thank the Northwest District Disabilities Task Force with a rising vote of thanks.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Overture: 1-05, To Continue The Disabilities Awareness Task Force Of The Northwest District ,  
Page 6-9)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 1-06A**

**TO CONTINUE AND SUPPORT THE ETHNIC MINISTRIES TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest is a region of many large ethnic groups and immigrant populations; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District congregations have begun outreach ministries to ethnic and immigrant groups in their vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest District has been blessed with several ethnic workers and congregations; and

WHEREAS, the Ethnic Ministries Task Force (EMTF) has found considerable interest in their survey of district congregations; and

WHEREAS, the EMTF has developed an Awareness Seminar for district congregations and circuits; and

WHEREAS, several of our ethnic workers are in training in the EIIT (Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology), DELTO (Distance Education Leading to Ordination) and LAP (Leadership Advancement Process) programs; and

WHEREAS, our ethnic workers and congregations have great vision and enthusiasm for outreach to the unchurched and non-Christians of their immigrant and ethnic communities; and

WHEREAS, the development of ethnic workers is key to developing effective leadership training and outreach; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that EMTF be continued for the next triennium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our district congregations and circuits be encouraged to utilize the Awareness Seminar offered by the EMTF; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our district establish a special fund to which congregations and LCMS agencies can contribute to support various ethnic ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Expanding Ministries encourage congregations to call or appoint workers with the goal that we have a minimum of one in each of the ethnic groups in our District; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that such congregations be encouraged to apply to the District Ethnic Workers Support Fund for financial assistance.

COMMITTEE #1 Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman  
(cf Resolution: 1-06, To Continue And Support The Ethnic Ministries Task Force, pages 9-8 & 9)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 1-07A**

**TO UTILIZE GRADUATES OF LAP**

WHEREAS, the Northwest District has 47 congregations each of which has an average of 50 members or less attending church; and

WHEREAS, utilization of trained Lay Ministers is an effective way to do ministry in small and isolated areas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Northwest District congregations, agencies, organizations and ministries recruit and enable faithful laity to enter the Northwest District lay ministry training program, now known as the Leadership Advancement Process – LAP; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the graduates be utilized.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Resolution: 1-07, To Utilize Graduates Of Lap, page 9-10)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 1-08**

### **SUPPORT FOR PACIFIC RIM OUTREACH SOCIETY**

- WHEREAS, the China Connection Task Force (CCTF) has been an organization of Northwest District members who have supported outreach work, particularly through volunteers in teaching English in China and Southeast Asia for the past eleven years; and
- WHEREAS, the Northwest District LCMS has been in discussion with LCMS World Mission to provide leadership in mission outreach among all the countries of the Pacific Rim; and
- WHEREAS, the CCTF has formally decided to expand its focus to include all the nations of the Pacific Rim, renaming itself as the Pacific Rim Outreach Society (PROS); and
- WHEREAS, the funds for this work were donated primarily at the start of this effort and now additional funding is needed; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the PROS be commended for its years of dedicated service on behalf of God's mission; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that district members and congregations be encouraged to volunteer in mission service to the nations of the Pacific Rim; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that members and congregations of the Northwest District be encouraged to provide financial support for this effort.

COMMITTEE #1

Rev. Bill Warren, Chairman

(cf Overture: 1-08, Support For Pacific Rim Outreach Society, submitted by Floor Committee #1 on April 29, 2006)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**#2 - Theology, Practice and District Administration**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Lay</b>	<b>Commissioned</b>	<b>Youth</b>
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**ASSIGNMENTS**

**OVERTURES: 2-01 through 2-14**

**REPORTS:           D through L**  
                           Disability Task Force through LWML

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## **RESOLUTION 2-01**

### **TO DELEGATE TO THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT TO INITIATE PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKER GATHERINGS**

- WHEREAS, the All Workers Conference has become so large and expensive that it becomes prohibitive to continue; and
- WHEREAS, such a large conference fails to meet the individual needs of many pastors, teachers, and DCEs; and
- WHEREAS, the All Workers Conference is not meeting the original needs for which it was intended; and
- WHEREAS, during a 3 year period, the District Board of Directors is making visits to Northwest District congregations in response to the Bylaws of Synod concerning such visits; and
- WHEREAS, the major response from these visits included requests for networking and requests for help and equipping in doing the work of the church; and
- WHEREAS, the culture of the area included in the Northwest District has been identified as the “most unchurched and previously churched” area of our country; and
- WHEREAS, the job of the Church and its workers, according to Scripture, is “to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:12 NIV); therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that Resolution 5-05 from 1994 Northwest District Convention requiring a triennial All Workers Conference be held be rescinded; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the District President be encouraged to consider different venues of conferences and convocations to equip and encourage the people of God in the work of mission, ministry, and outreach; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that if the District President finds such a Convocation of equipping and encouraging for Mission, Ministry, and Outreach to be feasible, the District President be empowered to plan such a gathering for workers and congregations and lay people to equip and encourage for Mission, Ministry, and Outreach; and be it finally

**RESOLUTION 2-01 (continued)**

RESOLVED, that participating congregations be asked to share in the costs of holding the convocation.

COMMITTEE #2

Rev. Phil Streufert, Chairman

(cf Overture: 2-04, To Encourage A Tri-ennial Convocation of Congregations and Workers to Equip Them for Mission, Ministry, and Outreach, page 6-17; Overture: 2-05, To Eliminate the All Workers Conference and to Begin Triennial District-Wide Pastors Conference, page 6-18)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 2-02**

### **TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO ALLOW COMMISSIONED MINISTERS TO BE A CONGREGATION'S VOTING DELEGATE**

WHEREAS, God has richly blessed His Church with workers who have chosen to participate in their service to the church in local churches, fulfilling their calling as Professional Church Workers, (teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Family Life Ministers, etc.); and

WHEREAS, at times God calls these same individuals away from professional church service, and they take upon themselves vocations in agencies other than churches and schools; and

WHEREAS, in non-church related vocations many desire to keep their "Commissioned Minister" status, while offering their volunteer service in local congregations, serving as lay people within these congregations; and

WHEREAS, the Synodical Constitution does not allow such individuals to serve in such a capacity because they still have their Commissioned Minister status; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention memorialize the Synod to revise by-laws that prohibit such activity, so that if a local congregation wishes to elect a "Commissioned Minister" who is a member of that particular congregation to serve as its lay delegate, it may do so.

COMMITTEE #2

Rev. Phil Streufert, Chairman

(cf Overture: 2-12, To Memorialize Synod to Allow Candidate Commissioned Ministers To Be A Congregation's Voting Delegate, page 6-27)

**ACTION: Adopted as amended**

## **RESOLUTION 2-03**

### **TO WORK TOWARD FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, each Sunday we confess our faith in the Apostles Creed we say I believe in 'the Holy Christian (catholic) Church'; and

WHEREAS, Jesus has called His Church on earth to exhibit their unity as a way to witness to His love, ("My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.<sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:<sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John17:20-23 NIV); and

WHEREAS, in the history of our denomination, our well-intentioned efforts to remain faithful to God's Word have at times caused us to separate from others; and

WHEREAS, we live in a society that is increasingly un-Christian and anti-Christian, and the fellowship of other Christians can help us in our walk of faith and witness to God's love; and

WHEREAS, total separation from other Christians compromises our witness of God's call to love and is misunderstood in our culture; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that congregations of the Northwest District of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod continue to live out our belief in The Holy Christian Church by seeking to find ways to work with other Christians while remaining faithful to God's Word; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in Convention petition The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in convention to commit to working and ministering with Christians of other denominations towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission while remaining faithful to God's Word.

COMMITTEE #2

Rev Phil Streufert, Chairman

(cf Overture: 2-01, To Live Out Our Faith Concerning The Holy Christian (Catholic) Church, page 6-14)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 2-04**

**TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO REVISE BYLAW 4.3.2**

WHEREAS, Synodical Bylaw 4.3.2 states that the District Treasurer shall be a *layperson* (italics added) elected or appointed according to the bylaws of the district; and

WHEREAS, with the ever increasing number of second career people entering pastoral ministry, some of whom have served as officers in financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Church seeks to utilize the gifts of the most qualified people available for a position, such as treasurer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District of the LCMS memorialize the Synod to revise Bylaw 4.3.2 as follows:

Proposed Changes (wording unchanged is in normal type; old wording to be deleted is crossed out)

Bylaw 4.3.2

Each district shall have a treasurer who shall ~~be a layperson and shall~~ be elected or appointed as the bylaws of the district may provide; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that if this overture is passed by the Synod in Convention the Northwest District will change its Bylaw 4.1.3 to be in agreement with the changes made at the Synod in Convention in 2007.

COMMITTEE #2

Rev. Phil Streufert, Chairman

(cf Overture: 2-14, To Memorialize the Synod to Revise Bylaw 4.3.2, page 6-29)

**ACTION: Declined**

## **RESOLUTION 2-05**

### **TO ACCEPT REPORTS**

WHEREAS, the Theology, Practice and District Administration Committee has reviewed the reports of the Disability Task Force; Ethnic Ministries Task Force; Faith Based Initiative Task Force; Good Shepherd Communities; Holden Village; Hong Kong International School; IM - INMISSION; Intentional Interim Ministry; Inter-District Committee on Mormonism; Lutheran World Relief (LWR); Lutheran Services in America (LSA); Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS); Laborers for Christ; LAP – Leadership Advancement Process; Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots – USA; Lutheran Community Services; Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL); Lutheran Social Services of Alaska; and Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these committees to the life and mission of the District during the past triennium; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage their continuing efforts in the Lord’s service during the next three years.

COMMITTEE #2

Rev. Phil Streufert, Chairman

(cf Disability Task Force, page 4-26; Ethnic Ministries Task Force, page 4-28; Faith Based Initiative Task Force, page 4-30; Good Shepherd Communities, page 4-31; Holden Village, page 4-32; Hong Kong International School, page 4-33; IM - INMISSION, page 4-35; Intentional Interim Ministry, page 4-36; Inter-District Committee on Mormonism, page 4-37; Lutheran World Relief (LWR), page 4-39; Lutheran Services in America (LSA), page 4-40; Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), page 4-41; Laborers for Christ, page 4-43; LAP – Leadership Advancement Process, page 4-44; Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots – USA, page 4-46; Lutheran Community Services, page 4-47; Lutheran Laymen’s League (LLL), page 4-49; Lutheran Social Services of Alaska, page 4-51; Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML), page 4-53)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 2-06**

**TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES**

WHEREAS, The floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it:  
RESOLVED, That overture be respectfully declined for the reason given:

<b><u>Overture</u></b>	<b><u>Page</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>
2-06	6-19	Communion Practice at Conventions and Conferences	These issues are handled by the planning committee and the local congregation. Individuals are encouraged to bring their concerns to the appropriate planning committee.
2-07	6-20	Common Worship Heritage at our Conventions and Conferences	These issues are handled by the planning committee and the local congregation. Individuals are encouraged to bring their concerns to the appropriate planning committee.
2-09	6-23 & 24	Require M. Div for Doctrinal Oversight	All positions named are elected by the church with biographical disclosures provided as appropriate.
2-11	6-26	Part-time District President	Based on size and demands of the Northwest District

ACTION: Adopted

### **#3 - Synodical Administration**

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Lay</b>	<b>Commissioned</b>	<b>Youth</b>
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### **ASSIGNMENTS**

**OVERTURES: 3-01 through 3-16**

**REPORTS: M through W**  
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## **RESOLUTION 3-01**

### **TO REVISE BYLAW 3.2.4 CHANGING THE TERM OF ALL ELECTED OFFICERS OF SYNOD FROM THREE TO SIX YEARS**

- WHEREAS, one of the stated purposes of the national Synodical convention is “shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of information”; and
- WHEREAS, much energy leading up to and during the convention is focused on the election of officers; and
- WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.2.1 identifies the elected officers of synod as “...President, five vice – presidents in line of succession, the Secretary, the Vice-President-Finance— Treasurer ...”
- WHEREAS, there is a need for the Synod to invest that time and energy into praying for, planning for, and communicating about the work of ministry and the church’s efforts to reach lost souls with the Gospel; and
- WHEREAS, the mission of the church would be blessed by leaders that have the opportunity to grow in their leadership roles over a period of time; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention memorialize the 2007 Convention of the LCMS to revise Bylaw 3.2.4 to read, “The term of office of all elected officers of Synod (Bylaw 3.2.1) shall be six years;” and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the Synod use the convention not involving the presidential election to focus more fully on the mission of the church through a spiritual, missional, and motivational gathering; and be it finally
- RESOLVED, that the Districts have the option of instituting this new practice beginning with the 2009 District Convention.

COMMITTEE # 3  
Rev. Ty Miles

(cf Overture: 3-01 To Revise Bylaw 3.2.4 Changing The Term Of Elected Officers From Three To Six Years page 6-31)

**ACTION: Declined**

## **RESOLUTION 3-02**

### **TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD TO REVISE THE SELECTION OF NATIONAL SYNOD CONVENTION FLOOR COMMITTEES**

- WHEREAS, the Synod should desire and welcome participation from all geographical areas of the Synod and from a wide variety of ministries in the Synod in the deliberations and actions of the Synod in convention; and
- WHEREAS, the Synod has benefited from the participation of a more representative number of people on various committees, e.g., the expanded Committee for Convention Nominations; and
- WHEREAS, the Synod could benefit by allowing a more representative group of individuals to participate in the selection of national Synod Convention floor committees; and
- WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Districts of the Synod comprise such a representative group; and
- WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Districts of the Synod are aware of the qualifications and capabilities of the delegates from the various Districts; and
- WHEREAS, that awareness is of benefit in selecting the members of the various floor committees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District submit an Overture to the 2007 Convention of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that requests the Synod to revise Bylaw 3.1.7 to read as follows:

*All reports and overtures accepted by the President in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be referred by him to convention committees appointed by him in the name of the convention.*

*(a) Appointments will be made from among the voting delegates (Bylaw 3.1.2ff), advisory delegates (Bylaw 3.1.3ff) and advisory representatives (Bylaw 3.1.4ff) submitted to the President by a committee appointed by the Council of Presidents. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President from a list of nominees provided to the President by the Council of Presidents.*

[The rest of the Bylaw continues as written in the Handbook.]

COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

(cf Overture: 3-02 To Memorialize The Synod To Revise The Selection Of National Synod Convention Floor Committees page 6-32)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 3-03**

### **TO PETITION SYNOD TO BROADEN REPRESENTATION IN CHURCH ISSUES**

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a history of seeking equal representation of clergy and lay people when making decisions for the Church in conventions; and

WHEREAS, this emphasis has not only allowed participation of most of the church, but also given an appearance of the desire for fairness and equal representation; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of representation of workers who are not clergy because, according to Synodical Bylaws, only ordained pastors serving congregations have a vote. Teachers, DCEs and other commissioned workers cannot vote in District or Synodical Conventions according to Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following process be recommended to Synod for adoption in order to allow Teachers, DCEs and Commissioned Ministers an opportunity for representation, and in order to continue equal representation of Lay Persons and Professional Workers.

#### **For District Conventions**

- A. At the District Commissioned Workers' Conferences in the year following the Synodical Convention, each Conference will nominate at least one Commissioned Minister as delegate for each 60 Commissioned Ministers (or fraction thereof) in that conference. From these nominees one delegate and alternate delegate for each 60 Commissioned Ministers will be elected by ballot of these Commissioned Ministers to serve at the upcoming District and Synodical Conventions. These delegates will have a vote at these conventions.
  
- B. When these Commissioned Ministers are chosen, in the Circuits where a Commissioned Minister will be voting in the Convention, each congregation will select a Lay person who would be considered for additional Circuit Lay Delegates. The Pastors' Conference will choose from this list of names to elect Circuit Lay Delegates equal to the number of Commissioned Minister Delegates from that Circuit.

For Synodical Conventions

- A. At the District Commissioned Workers' Conferences in the year following the Synodical Convention, each Conference will nominate at least one Commissioned Minister as delegate for each 60 Commissioned Ministers (or fraction thereof) in that conference. From these nominees one delegate and alternate delegate for each 60 Commissioned Ministers will be elected by ballot of these Commissioned Ministers to serve at the upcoming District and Synodical Conventions. These delegates will have a vote at these conventions.
  
- B. When Circuits meet to elect delegates to the Synodical Convention the same process will continue to be used to select Circuit Pastoral Delegates, Alternate Pastoral Delegates, Circuit Lay Delegates, and Alternative Lay Delegates.
  
- C. In those circuits where a Commissioned Minister will be serving as delegate for the Synodical Convention, the Circuit will elect another Lay Delegate who will not be a member of the congregations from which the Pastoral Delegate, Alternate Pastoral Delegate, Commissioned Minister Delegate, Lay Delegate, or Alternate Lay Delegate have been elected.

COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

(cf Overture: 3-03 To petition Synod to Broaden Representation in Church Issues, page 6-33)

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 3-04**

### **TO ACCEPT REPORTS**

WHEREAS, the Synodical Administration Floor Committee has reviewed the reports of the Ministry Task Force; Ministry to Military Personnel, Families and Congregations Task Force; Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ Northwest Team; Pacific Lutheran University; Parish Nurses; Riverview Retirement Community; Seminary Applicant Interview Committee; Student Aid and Support Task Force; Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home; Theological Conferences; Thrivent Financial; Trinity Lutheran College; and Wheat Ridge, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we accept these reports with thanksgiving to God for the contributions of these committees to the life and mission of the District during the past triennium; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage their continuing efforts in the Lord's service during the next three years.

FLOOR COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

(cf Ministry Task Force 4-55; Ministry to Military Personnel, Families and Congregations Task Force 4-57; Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ Northwest Team 4-59; Pacific Lutheran University 4-60; Parish Nurses 4-61; Riverview Retirement Community 4-62; Seminary Applicant Interview Committee 4-63; Student Aid and Support Task Force 4-65; Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home 4-66; Theological Conferences 4-67; Thrivent Financial 4-69; Trinity Lutheran College 4-70; and Wheat Ridge 4-72))

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION: 3-05A**

**TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE OVERTURES**

WHEREAS, The floor committee has considered all overtures assigned to it and has concluded, for various reasons, that certain overtures should be declined; therefore be it:  
RESOLVED, That overture be respectfully declined for the reason given:

<b><u>Overture</u></b>	<b><u>Page</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>
3-04	6-35	Participation in Civic Events	Addressed at 2004 Synod convention Resolution 3-06A & CTCR document
3-05	6-36 & 37 & 38	Women in Congregational Offices	Addressed at 2004 Synod Convention Resolution 3-08A & CTCR document
3-06	6-39 & 40	Rescind Synod Resolution 3-08A (women)	Addressed at 2004 Synod convention & CTCR document
3-09	6-45	Require President Overtures Convention Time	It creates a special class of privileged resolutions and establishes an unrealistic precedent
3-10	6-46 & 47	Rescind Synod 2004 Resolution 8-01A; face to face	Already Addressed: 2006 CTCR report "Public Sin"
3-11	6-48	Require CCM Overtures Convention Time	It creates a special class of privileged resolutions and establishes an unrealistic precedent
3-12	6-49	Revise CCM Members	No change is necessary because the president of the Synod is restricted to choose names from those presented by district board of directors and cleared through the Council of Presidents
3-15	6-54 & 55	Correct Synod Ablaze	Reaffirm current Overture 1-02 (Resolution 1-02)

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 3-06**

**TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, FAMILIES AND  
CONGREGATIONS**

WHEREAS, our Northwest District has a Ministry to Military Personnel, Families and  
Congregations Task Force; and

WHEREAS, this task force has provided material for congregational use for families who have  
members serving in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, men and women who are serving in these war zones are giving a special  
sacrifice on behalf of their country and families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention commend the Ministry to Military  
Personnel, Families and Congregations Task Force for its work and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage congregations of the district to use the task force  
materials, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District LCMS in convention pause for a moment of  
prayer for service members and their families.

COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

**ACTION: Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 3-07**

**TO COMMEND AND SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ONGOING AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST (O AFC)**

WHEREAS, the ministry of Ongoing Ambassadors For Christ (O AFC) is a great outreach ministry to the lost; and

WHEREAS, O AFC nurtures the faith & evangelism skills of the young in our District; and

WHEREAS, the Lord has recently received to Himself Pastor Wil Nitz, leader of O AFC for many years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, congregations utilize the services of this ministry, and, be it further

RESOLVED, we give thanks to God for the on-going ministry of Pastor Wil Nitz, who is now with the Lord; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the District in convention give thanks and praise to God by singing the doxology.

COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

**ACTION: Adopted**

## **RESOLUTION 3-08**

### **TO MORE CLOSELY REFLECT OUR SYNOD'S POLITY AND PROTECT OUR PRESIDENT'S REPUTATION BY GIVING EVERY VOTING MEMBER OF SYNOD A VOTE**

WHEREAS, the "Synod is not an ecclesiastical government" (Constitution of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Article VII, 1), nor is it a divine institution; and

WHEREAS, the local congregation is a divine institution (Matthew 18:17); and

WHEREAS, "every congregation or parish is entitled to two votes, one which is to be cast by the pastor and the other by a lay delegate" (Constitution of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Article V, A); and

WHEREAS, the proper relationship between congregations and Synod is seen in the definition of "ecclesiastical supervision," given to the President, which includes "the presenting, interpreting, and applying of the collective will of the Synod's *congregations*" (Bylaw 1.2.1 (f)); and

WHEREAS, in our current system "An electoral circuit shall consist of ... from 7 to 20 member congregations" (2004 Handbook, 3.1.2 (a) and this does not give every congregation a direct vote for President and Vice-President, thereby limiting the congregations' input regarding the person they desire to present, interpret and apply their will; and

WHEREAS, the congregations and the representatives of the congregations know very little about the pastoral and lay delegates chosen by these electoral circuits, certainly not as well as they know their own pastors and laymen, nor are the individuals chosen by means of electoral circuits as accountable to those that voted for them as pastors and laymen would be to their own congregations; and

WHEREAS, our current system actually allows a smaller number of congregations to have as much say concerning the election of President and Vice-President as a larger number of congregations, so that it is possible that one can have two electoral circuits, one having seven congregations and the other having twenty, and the electoral circuit with seven congregations chooses a representative by a vote of four to three and the other electoral circuit chooses a representative by a vote of twenty to zero, thus allowing four congregations to have an equal say as twenty congregations; and

**RESOLUTION 3-08 continued**

WHEREAS, the current system offers an unnecessary opportunity for criticism and needlessly opens the door to accusations against the President of Synod because it allows the President of Synod to grant exceptions to Bylaw 3.1.2 (a) thereby making it theoretically possible for a President of Synod to grant exceptions that might be helpful to their re-election; and

WHEREAS, the Bible also clearly teaches that we ought in every way possible protect our neighbor's reputation and that we should strive in all things to avoid even the appearance of evil; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of allowing exceptions to Bylaw 3.1.2 (a) is so that these congregations may have some form of representation at a synodical convention; and

WHEREAS, allowing every congregation a vote would achieve the same purpose, but not just for a few, but for every congregation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District memorialize the Synod to change her current system so that every voting member of Synod (both active parish pastors and congregations) would be able to participate in the election of the President and First Vice-President of Synod.

COMMITTEE #3  
Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-07 To More Closely Reflect our Synod's Polity and Protect our President's reputation by Giving Every Voting Member of Synod a Vote page6-41)

**ACTION: Declined**

## **RESOLUTION 3-09**

### **TO REVISE THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST-VICE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD**

WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.1.2 of 2004 Handbook of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod specifies regarding the election of Voting Delegates to the Synodical Convention:

“3.1.2 Voting delegates shall consist of one pastor and one layman from each electoral circuit.

“(a) An electoral circuit shall consist either of one or two adjacent visitation circuits, as shall be determined by each district on the basis of the following requirements: each pair of delegates shall represent from 7 to 20 member congregations, involving an aggregate communicant membership ranging from 1,500 to 10,000.

“(b) Exceptions to these requirements may be made only by the President of the Synod upon request of a district board of directors;” and

WHEREAS, the use of Bylaw 3.1.2 (b) has caused offense among members of the Synod, as evidenced by a lawsuit filed in secular courts; and

WHEREAS, Bylaw 3.1.2.2 (b) of the 2004 Handbook makes clear that the votes cast by voting delegates may not and need not reflect either the wishes of their circuits of the congregations within (Bylaw 3.1.2.2 (b)); and

WHEREAS, because the President of Synod is defined as having “ecclesiastical supervision”, which includes “the presenting, interpreting, and applying of the collective will of the Synod’s congregations,” (Bylaw 1.2.1 (f)), the President should therefore agree with the collective will of the Synod’s congregations, not the personal conscience of individual voting delegates; and

WHEREAS, the First Vice-President serves in a full-time executive position (Bylaw 3.3.2.2) and has the duty of assisting the President “in discharging his responsibilities” (Bylaw 3.3.2) and representing him, and therefore should also agree with the collective will of the Synod’s congregations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that elections are conducted by the most appropriate and efficient means, prior to the convention, in such a way that each member of the Synod may vote for President and First Vice-President of Synod.

COMMITTEE # 3

Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

### **RESOLUTION 3-09 continued**

Overtures were submitted with identical “WHEREAS” except that in place of the “RESOLVED” above, the following “RESOLVED” was submitted:

RESOLVED, that the election of the President of the Synod be revised as follows:

1. Nominations for the President and Vice-Presidents of the Synod shall be gathered in accordance with Bylaws 3.12.1 and 3.12.1.1 of the 2004 Handbook. However, nominations will be gathered early enough to accommodate the following schedule:

2. Four months prior to the convening of a convention of Synod, the Secretary of Synod shall send out ballots for President and First Vice-President of Synod to every voting member of the Synod, as defined in Article V(A) of the Constitution of the LCMS.

3. Voting members will have two months to cast their votes for the President and First Vice-President of Synod, and ballots must be sent back to the Secretary with a postmark of no less than sixty days before the convention convenes.

4. As currently provided in bylaw for nominations (bylaw 3.12.1(d), the Secretary of Synod may engage an external auditing firm for tabulation of the ballots.

5. Ballots will be tabulated, and the President- and First Vice-President-elect shall be announced to the Synod one month before the convention begins.

COMMITTEE # 3  
Rev. Ty Miles, Chairman

(cf Overture 3-08 To Revise the Election of the President and First-Vice President of Synod page 6-43)

**ACTION: Declined**

## **OMNIBUS RESOLUTION A**

RATIONALE, many overtures request action which is the responsibility of various boards, commissions, or individuals to study and to implement; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following overtures be placed in Resolution A and be referred to the designated board, commission or individual:

<b><u>Overture</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Board, Commission, or Individual</u></b>
2-03	Youth Ministry	Youth Ministry Task Force
2-08	Experience for Supervisors of Licensed Deacons	Refer to District President who has oversight for screening and appointing supervisors
2-10	Support Pastors without a Call	Refer to District Board of Directors for financial impact and with the modification to include consideration of all Professional Church Workers
2-13	Amend Synod's Bylaws Regarding Delegates to District Conventions	Synod Commission on Structure
3-17	Congregation representation	Synod Commission on Structure

**ACTION: Adopted as amended**

**OMNIBUS RESOLUTION B**

RATIONALE, Over the years the District in convention has spoken to many issues. At times it has found it necessary to restate its position because of misunderstanding or because there was an expressed desire to change the stated position of the District, and

It is clearly not physically possible to debate and discuss, in detail, every issue which has been decided in one or more previous conventions of the District. Again at this convention a number of issues have been presented through overtures to which the District, in convention, has previously spoken. After careful consideration of these matters, there appears to be no valid reason to change or alter the stated position of the District; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that petitioners offering the following overtures be referred to previous convention action as indicated:

<b><u>Overtures</u></b>	<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Previous Action</u></b>
2-02	To Support Inter-Lutheran Cooperation	Resolution 3-05 in 2003
3-13	CCM Opinions 02-2296 & 2309	Previously dealt with at 2004 Synod Convention and the CCM opinions stood
3-14	Public Sin	2003 District Convention Resolution 3-02
3-16	Office of Holy Ministry	2004 Synod Resolutions 5-12 & 7-02; also see Confessions

**ACTION: Adopted**

**OMNIBUS RESOLUTION E**

Receives Overture(s) with consent:

This is for “good” and “acceptable” overtures that can be accepted without convention dialog or debate; approved by consent.

WHEREAS, the following overture is found to be good and acceptable without convention debate or dialog; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following overture be received as an expression of encouragement and gratitude with consent:

<b>Overture</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>With Consent</b>
Overture: 1-01	To Support the 2009 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention in Portland	That members of the Northwest District promote and welcome cordially the 2009 National LWML Convention to be held in Portland.

**ACTION: Adopted**