

MEMORIAL (2010-01)

Subject: *Flood geology*

WHEREAS 1) there is no evidence in the Bible or in science for the secular claim that life was self-created in the distant past; and

WHEREAS 2) there is equally no valid evidence in the bible or in science for the religious tradition that an average mile or more of earth's upper crust is proof of Noah's flood in the recent past; and

WHEREAS 3) Christians should not want to subtract from or add to anything in the Bible; and

WHEREAS 4) we pray in our WELS hymnal that God would bless the use of our minds in knowing the wonders of his creation; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod continue its witness against any "science falsely so called" that robs God of the glory of the manifold intricacies of his creation; and be it further

Resolved, b) that our WELS Conference of Presidents, in consultation with the faculty of Martin Luther College, the editors of Northwestern Publishing House, and other interested parties establish the extent of an unexamined teaching of "Flood-fossil geology" in WELS publications; and be it further

Resolved, c) that the WELS Conference of Presidents be asked to name a committee of WELS members willing to examine the probable validity of any geologic "proofs" for what Bible science has claimed regarding Noah's flood; and be it finally

Resolved, d) that this committee, effectively organized and communicating mostly by e-mail, report to the WELS COP and to WELS districts prior to the 2011 convention of the WELS, recommending what steps should be taken in WELS to correct past unrealities and to give the world a valid apologetic in understanding the events of Genesis 1 - 11.

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