

MEMORIAL (2010-03)

Subject: *Credible science in WELS publishing and sales*

WHEREAS 1) Flood-fossil geology has been an accepted belief in our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod since at least the publishing of *From Eden to Egypt* (Northwestern Publishing House); and

WHEREAS 2) such Flood catastrophism is accepted as credible commentary on Genesis in the essay site of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; and

WHEREAS 3) the *Creation* book (NPH 2000) in a WELS teaching series suggested the possibility that Job 41:18-21 could be a description of flesh-and-blood fire-breathing dinosaur dragons; and

WHEREAS 4) the *Noah* book (NPH) had a drawing that included two pairs of dinosaurs in line to enter the Ark; and

WHEREAS 5) a study of Genesis 1 - 11 (NPH) written especially for WELS pastors was still in line with the geologic catastrophism of Henry Morris, besides suggesting that Earth was tilted to its present axis of rotation only about the time that the Ark ran aground; and

WHEREAS 6) Northwestern Publishing House currently sells many titles by sectarian groups without giving buyers a detailed "heads up" regarding good reasons to question what is being claimed therein; therefore be it

Resolved that the Presidium of our Minnesota District of the WELS, in consultation with the WELS Council of Presidents, ask the editors of NPH, in consultation with the faculties of WLS and Martin Luther College, to organize a WELS-wide effort to create a proper Lutheran apologetic focused on Genesis 1 - 11 that doesn't offend the common sense of the unchurched souls that we would want to lead to the cross of Christ.

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