

Committee No. 12
WELS Long Range Plan for 2017

Resolution No. 1

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017
Subject: Worldwide Identity as Confessional Lutherans

WHEREAS 1) we feel we are known as confessional already; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the statement read, “WELS will strive to be better known as a confessional Lutheran church body...”

Resolution No. 2

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017
Subject: Home Missions

WHEREAS the term, “ministry enhancement” is not well understood; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we ask the Long Range Planning Committee to clarify that term.

Resolution No. 3

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017
Subject: Numbers/Projections

WHEREAS the projections of graduates from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary do not match the projections of new missions; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota District encourage the Long Range Planning Committee to use the same set of assumptions in their projections for all areas of ministry.

Resolution No. 4

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017
Subject: Ministerial Education

WHEREAS we believe the third bullet point under Ministerial Education changes the mission statement of Martin Luther College; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the word “laymen” be removed from the third bullet point under Ministerial Education in the WELS Long Range Plan.

Resolution No. 5

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017

Subject: Lutheran Elementary Schools

WHEREAS 1) historically, our Lutheran elementary schools have been a strength of the Synod and

WHEREAS 2) the enrollment of our Lutheran high schools and our worker training schools is tied to the enrollment of our Lutheran elementary schools and

WHEREAS 3) many of our Lutheran elementary schools have been wonderful outreach tools; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota District encourage the Long Range Planning Committee to include in its plan a plan to provide encouragement and assistance to our congregations in the opening of new Lutheran elementary schools.

Resolution No. 6

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017

Subject: Enrollment at MLC & WLS

WHEREAS 1) the Long Range Planning Committee includes graduate goals for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College and

WHEREAS 2) the Synod in convention has asked the BME to increase financial assistance and work toward a reduction of tuition cost per student; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Long Range Plan include goals and strategies for increasing enrollments and decreasing the costs for students at the Synod’s schools.

Resolution No. 7

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017

Subject: Congregation and District Ministry

WHEREAS “unity and vitality in all aspects of congregational practices” is an ambiguous phrase; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota District encourage the Long Range Planning Committee to strive for greater clarity in the final bullet point under Congregation and District ministry.

Resolution No. 8

Reference: WELS Long Range Plan for 2017
Subject: Congregation and District Ministry

WHEREAS there are more ministries to our youth than just early childhood centers, Lutheran elementary schools, and area Lutheran high schools; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Minnesota District encourage our Long Range Planning Committee to amend bullet point three to include “strengthening the overall quality of education to all of the youth of our congregations.”

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