

TODAY'S BUSINESS: PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

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The LCMS National Convention will be July 20-25 in St. Louis. Conventions do two types of business, elections and resolutions. Below are my comments on the 116 resolutions proposed by the seven floor committees. Go to lcms.org/convention to find these documents for reference:

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Many of the proposed resolutions that follow are what I call "mom and apple pie" resolutions. At every convention, whether district or national, there are always a large number of these, and they require little comment. They usually go something like this:

To Encourage Good Things

RESOLUTION 9-999

WHEREAS, Our committee has to come up with some resolutions that will sound nice and will pass easily; and

WHEREAS, Good things are good; and

WHEREAS, Mom and apple pie are outstanding examples of good things; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage everyone to go out and do good things, including, but not limited to, the thanking of moms and the eating of apple pies; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of Synod appoint a Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Study and Promotion of Good Things (BRTFSPGT), which shall report their findings to the 2016 convention; and be it finally

Resolved, That we all rise and sing the Common Doxology.

Action: Adopted, 999-1.

Now "mom and apple pie" resolutions have their place. I'm not speaking against them. At the same time, there may also be some resolutions that *sound* "mom and apple pie-ish," but could carry some hidden freight that is not so good. On the other hand, there is also the problem of nitpicking. You may not agree with 100% of what a resolution says, but is it worth having a floor fight over? Maybe yes, maybe no. It depends on the particulars. A number of resolutions will need to be debated, amended, substituted for, or, in some cases, defeated. With those prefatory remarks, we proceed to the proposed resolutions.

OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS (TB, pp. 42-47)

Omnibus resolutions are catch-all categories that collect and list a number of overtures that the floor committees decided not to deal with in separate resolutions. *Today's Business* includes three such omnibus resolutions, A, B, and C.

A: That the following overtures be referred to the designated board, commission, or individual

Noteworthy overtures referred away: Ovs. 4-18, 4-19, 4-21 (all passed by districts), all of which would rescind 2004 Res. 3-08A, "The Service of Women." Ovs. 4-47, 4-48, and 4-49, all of which would not allow participation in interfaith prayer services.

B: That petitioners offering the following overtures be referred to previous convention action as indicated

Referred away: Ov. 6-25. Yes, there was previous action, but this was an overture for this convention to act on, which it could, namely, to overrule CCM Opinion 02-2309 on ecclesiastical supervision.

C: That the following overtures be received as expressions of encouragement or gratitude

Encouragement/Thanks resolutions usually sail through, even though one could nitpick here or there.

1. WITNESS (TB, pp. 48-59)

1-01: To Highlight and Strengthen the Global Seminary Initiative

Excellent! What opportunities! This is Missouri's moment, especially in providing theological education worldwide.

1-02: To Recognize and Give Thanks for Missionaries and Their Families

Should pass by acclamation, none opposed.

1-03: To Develop and Engage in a Synodwide Study of a Lutheran Theological Statement of Mission for the 21st Century

A campaign for the whole synod to study and be involved in the mission of the church. Will pass.

1-04: To Encourage Church Multiplication as Means of Making New Disciples

Plant new churches. Will pass.

1-05: To Free the Congregations and People of the LCMS for the Joy of Evangelization and the Making New Disciples

Let's all do something to evangelize. Will pass.

1-06: To Amend Bylaw 6.2.1 (d) re Sending Workers to Foreign Mission Fields

All RSOs and auxiliaries of LCMS doing mission work shall abide by policies of BIM. Could be controversial for some who do not want to be bound by our synod's policies.

1-07: To Support The Wittenberg Project for the Quincentennial Celebration of the Lutheran Reformation

Encourage support. Will pass.

1-08: To Work Together in Mission

Coordinate mission efforts, share best practices.

1-09: To Prepare LCMS Congregations and Pastors for Defense of Our Christian Faith

Publish and study materials on confessing the faith.

1-10: To Develop Spanish and Multi-Lingual Capabilities in the Synod

Require CUS, seminary, and continuing ed. church-work students to learn Spanish or another immigrant language. "Require"??

1-11: To Recruit and Place More Career Missionaries

We need more missionaries. Will pass.

1-12: To Recognize and Give Thanks for Military and Institutional Chaplains

Acclamation. 100%.

1-13: To Designate District Coordinators for Prison Ministry

Although New Testament verses about "visiting those in prison" likely referred to persecuted Christians who were arrested, this will pass.

1-14: To Advance Native American Ministry

Will pass.

1-15: To Encourage Further Support for Campus Ministry

Will pass.

1-16: To Encourage Captioning of All Video Materials

Will pass.

1-17: To Respectfully Decline Overtures

Ov. 1-15: University of Minnesota issue already resolved by district.

2. MERCY (*TB*, pp. 60-68)

2-01: To Commend and Give Thanks for the Work of LCMS Disaster Response

Will pass easily.

2-02: To Give Thanks and Praise to God for LIRS 75th Anniversary

Will pass, but perhaps not as easily.

2-03: To Give Thanks to God and Encourage Support for the Ministries of Lutheran Services in American and Lutheran World Relief

Likewise, will pass, but not as easily. There may be some liberal things to criticize in these agencies.

2-04: To Commend the LCMS National Housing Support Corporation

Will pass.

2-05: To Allow Extension of Calls to Specialized Pastoral Ministers

Would allow BNM to serve as a calling agency for institutional chaplains, etc. Will pass.

2-06: To Encourage a Strong Finish of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) and Give Thanks for the Effect LMI Has Made in the Global Fight to End Malaria-Related Deaths in Africa

Will pass.

2-07: To Emphasize Biblical Teaching of Sexuality, Marriage and Family

Much needed in our society. Will pass, strongly.

2-08: To Challenge Congregations to Engage in Works of Mercy in Their Communities

Encourage congregations to put mercy into practice. Will pass.

2-09: To Encourage Christian Citizenship and Vigilance

Synod's "Religious Liberty: Free to Be Faithful" campaign. Increasingly important in our society now.

2-10: To Speak Out Against Violence in the United States

We're against violence.

2-11: To Encourage Districts and Congregations to Utilize the *Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs* Training Process

Program to help congregations reach out in their immediate neighborhoods.

3. LIFE TOGETHER (*TB, pp. 69-83*)

3-01: To Expand the Koinonia Project

Will pass, but leaves out, as specific content to be included in the Koinonia Project, Articles VI and VII of the Constitution, which Ov. 3-08 (*CW*, p. 151) would have specified.

3-02: To Respect One Another and Put the Best Construction on All Things

Still, there is a distinction between private offenses and public offenses. But how would this resolution be used?

3-03: To Support, Commend, and Increase Witness, Mercy, and Life Together Ministry of Lutheran Schools

Will pass.

3-04: To Authorize a Blue Ribbon Committee on Lutheran Schools

To find ways to help support and save our Lutheran schools.

3-05: To Address Responsible Internet Use in Congregations

Will pass.

3-06: To Adopt Mission and Ministry Emphases for the 2013-2016 Triennium

Continue “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” emphasis.

3-07: To Further Promote Mission Awareness, Support, Collaboration, and Coordination for Rural and Small Town, Urban and Inner City, and Suburban Ministry

Let’s do ministry “in these areas” of our nation, which are . . . just about all of them.

3-08: To Reaffirm Faithful Church Revitalization as a Priority of the Office of National Mission

What all is meant by “revitalization”? And what about the evaluation of Transforming Churches Network?

3-09: To Continue to Support and Promote Black Ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

ONM to appoint Director of Black Ministry. Black Ministry Convocation in 2014. Will pass.

3-10: To Appoint a Task Force to Study the Call Process for Returning Missionary and Military Chaplains and Other Rostered Church Workers without a Call

Seek to get calls for returning chaplains and missionaries and for those church workers on candidate status.

3-11: To Support Church Workers

Encourage congregations to meet district salary guidelines for called workers. The resolution will pass, but I will be flabbergasted if the actual end result ever happens.

3-12: To Affirm Our Worship Treasures Old and New and Commend the Document, *Text, Music, Context*

Commends this resource for evaluating worship materials.

3-13: To Update Synod's Catechetical Materials

Would update 1991 edition's "Explanation" section. Would also produce a more comprehensive adult edition.

3-14: To Encourage Daily Family Devotions

Commends CPH resources for such. Gives more attention to home devotions.

3-15: To Encourage Study of Lutheran Confessions to Celebrate Reformation

Prepare resources to promote study of Confessions, especially looking toward 2017 anniversary.

3-16: To Express Thanks to the Office of the President and Offices of National and International Mission

Thanks, everyone!

3-17: To Thank and Commend the Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Thank you guys, too.

3-18: To Commend Concordia Publishing House

We commend you!

3-19: To Respectfully Decline Overtures

A couple of "mission and ministry" overtures didn't follow proper procedure.

4. THEOLOGY AND CHURCH RELATIONS (TB, pp. 84-99)

4-01: To Endorse Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia

Fellowship with Liberia was recommended by CTCR and declared by President Harrison.

4-02: To Endorse Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

Liberia, Siberia. . . . What about Iberia? Seriously, there are some good things going on in Siberia.

4-03: To Recognize Lutheran Church of Togo as an Independent, Self-Governing Partner Church

Togo is good to go. BIM and CTCR recommend recognition of ELT as a partner church of the LCMS.

4-04: To Affirm Growing Mutual Relationships among International Lutheran Church Bodies

Ethiopia, e.g. Lots of opportunities opening up.

4-05: To Encourage Further Discussion with Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Opportunities for discussion opening up with former members of the Synodical Conference.

4-06: To Address Questions re Service Apart from AC XIV

Does not end or phase out licensed lay deacon programs, as called for in many overtures (e.g., 4-29, 4-30, 4-31, 4-32, 4-33, 4-34, 4-37, 4-38, 4-41, 4-45, L4-74). President to establish task force to study issue, develop plan to resolve it, and report to 2016 convention. Of course, if delegates decide to take action now to end, phase out, or at least limit, district lay deacon programs, they may do so. At a minimum, Resolution 4-06 could be amended by adding a final “Resolved” such as this: “*Resolved*, That no new persons be admitted into district lay deacon programs between now and the 2016 convention.” For more on this issue, see my article in the July 2013 *Lutheran Clarion*, “Lay Deacons: Kicking the Can Down the Road?”

4-07: To Address the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Rostered Workers Communing at Heterodox Altars

LCMS church workers should not commune at ELCA altars. Liberals will oppose this one.

4-08: To Retain Trinitarian Formula When Baptizing

Don't change the words.

4-09: To Overrule Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion “Interpretation of Constitution Article VI 2 b” (11-2598 CW pp. 300-303)

The CCM was wrong on this one. Receiving the Sacrament at a heterodox altar is indeed a violation of Article VI. This opinion should be overruled. Expect the liberals to oppose this resolution.

4-10: To Encourage Proper Oversight in the Administration of the Lord's Supper by Visitation from Ecclesiastical Supervisors

Visitation should see that admission to the Lord's Supper is being done properly.

4-11: To Request Commission on Theology and Church Relations Study of Proper Role of Men in the Church and Home

Help men fulfill their responsibilities in home, church, and society.

4-12: To Thank God for the Faithful Service of Women

Calls attention to ways in which women can serve, and have served, in the church.

4-13: To Encourage Confession and Absolution for Pastors

Help pastors find other pastors who will hear their confession and offer absolution.

4-14: To Clarify the Doctrine of the Call

Called workers and congregations need to be clear on their mutual expectations and bear with one another.

4-15: To Reaffirm Synod's Position on Creation

Versus evolution and its detrimental effects on marriage, family, and society.

4-16: To Respectfully Decline Overtures

Declines Ov. 4-06, which would restore fellowship declarations to convention. Give more time to new way.

5. SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION (TB, 100-25)

5-01: To Encourage Continued Faithful Witness by the Concordia University System

President to appoint task force to strengthen confessional Lutheran identity of our Concordias. Very important.

5-02: To Support and Encourage Participation in Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support Initiative

PALS program for new pastors and their wives. Will pass.

5-03: To Establish an SMP Oversight Committee

President to appoint an oversight committee for the SMP program. Could help.

5-04: To Continue and Strengthen the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program

Notes concerns regarding program--e.g., admission criteria, academic standards--raised by overtures (5-21, 5-22, 5-28) and SMP Task Force Report. Retains SMP program. SMP Oversight Committee (see Res. 5-03) to address concerns. Would seek to limit use of SMP to specific situations (not to add staff to large churches), but puts off any action until the next convention, which is disappointing. Still, this resolution will be opposed by those who want looser program. See SMP Task Force Report (and CSL response).

5-05: To Amend Bylaws Regarding Boards of Regents and Concordia University System Board

CUS BOD members would need to have specialized qualifications in areas such as theology, education, finance, law, etc. Initial full-time theology faculty appointments would need approval of CUS BOD (moved from another bylaw). Schools would need to show that they are actively working to preserve Lutheran identity and to support the objectives of Synod. Could be controversial. Liberals want the colleges to be more independent and free of Synod control.

5-06: To Revise Bylaw 3.10.5.6 re College and University Faculties

Revises policies regarding faculty appointment, conduct, and termination--e.g., a faculty member removed from Synod is removed from the faculty also. Could be controversial.

5-07: To Thank God for the Affiliation of Concordia University Wisconsin and Concordia University Ann Arbor

Will pass.

5-08: To Establish a Standard for Continuing Education of Pastors

To “hold pastors accountable” for continuing education, as though that can only come through a formal program? No thank you. This resolution is fraught with potential for misuse. And I’m big on continuing ed.

5-09: To Revise Bylaw 3.10.5.5.2 re Election Process for College and University Presidents

Parties meet at beginning of process about expectations. CUS President participates as guest in the election.

5-10: To Amend Bylaw 3.6.6.5 re Procedure to Consolidate Colleges/Universities

CUS BOD replaces COP as a decision entity in procedure to consolidate, relocate, separate, or divest a school.

5-11: To Amend Bylaw 3.10.4.7.3 re Appointment of Seminary Faculty

Initial appointments to seminary faculty will need majority approval of SP, BNM chairman, and COP chairman.

5-12: To Encourage, Promote and Support the Recruitment of Hispanic and Spanish-speaking Students and Faculty, into Church Work Professions

All in favor, say “*Si*.” It will pass.

5-13: To Encourage the Recruitment of the Highest Caliber Candidates for Pastoral Ministry

What are the criteria for regarding someone to be “of the highest caliber among his peers”?

5-14: To Conduct a Study of the Alternate Routes to the Pastoral Ministry

President appoints task force to study the eight non-M.Div. routes to pastoral ministry, make recommendations.

6. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE (TB, pp. 126-43)

6-01: To Promote Financially Healthy Universities, Seminaries, and Church Workers

Develop strategies to eliminate debt among our schools, church work students, and church workers.

6-02: To (Joy)fully Fund Career and GEO Missionaries

Support, and expand the number of, our 69 career and 100 GEO missionaries and their families.

6-03: To Address Board of Directors Budget and Management Responsibilities

Clarify wording in bylaws as a result of restructuring.

6-04: To Restore the Secretary of Synod as a Voting Member of the Commission on Constitutional Matters (CCM)

Prior to 1995, the Secretary was a voting member of the CCM.

6-05: To Revise Definitions in the *Handbook*

Clarification of certain definitions.

6-06: To Address Synod Handbook Issues re Synodwide Corporate Entity Governing Instruments

Clarification of confusing language.

6-07: To Address Synod Handbook Issues Regarding Required Background Checks

A person elected to an office requiring a background check can't take office until it is done.

6-08: To Clarify the Appointment Process for Various Representatives and Offices

Update bylaws for clarity.

6-09: To Clarify the Process for Appointment of the Executive Directors of the Offices of National and International Mission

Clarify a bylaw.

6-10: To Clarify Appointment of Chief Executives of Synodwide Corporate and Trust Entities and Executive Director of Commission on Theology and Church Relations

Clarify bylaws.

6-11: To Strengthen Nominations Process for Boards of Directors of Synodwide Corporate Entities

Committee for Convention Nominations shall consult with CEO of each corporate entity for input.

6-12: To Amend Bylaw 3.7.1.3 re Membership on Concordia Plans Board

Would increase number on board and allow an additional term in office.

6-13: To Amend Bylaws re Removal and Filling of Vacancies of LCEF Board Members

Adds provision for removing board members and filling vacancies.

6-14: To Amend Bylaw 3.6.5.2.1 re Terms of Office of LCMS Foundation Board Members

Allows an additional term in office.

6-15: To Amend Bylaws re Removal and Filling of Vacancies of LCMS Foundation Board Members

Adds provision for removing board members and filling vacancies.

6-16: To Encourage Conversation and Education about Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinions

Work to reduce confusion and controversy about the CCM and its opinions. What would also help, in my opinion, is to get rid of some of the people *on* the CCM, and replace them with better choices.

6-17: To Respectfully Decline Overtures

So declined.

7. STRUCTURE AND ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS (*TB, pp. 144-81*)

*“I hold in my hand . . . the **last** envelope.” Audience cheers wildly. Carnac stares at audience.*

I now come to the **last** floor committee. But instead of cheering wildly, I want you to pay close attention. Because while “Structure and Ecclesiastical Matters” may sound like a real snoozefest--and, no doubt, there is much eye-glazing-over material in here--one must not let down one’s guard, lest some significant change for the worse sneak through. And this floor committee does propose a couple of the worst resolutions out of all 116 in *Today’s Business*.

And so let’s join Ed and Carnac for that last envelope:

Carnac holds envelope to forehead, to divine the answer to the question sealed inside.

“The Creature from the Blue Cocoon.”

Ed repeats answer. Carnac is not pleased. Carnac tears open envelope, blows in it, and pulls out the question.

“What Past Blue Ribbon Fear could emerge to do damage now, if we’re not careful at this convention?”

And with that caution in mind, we now proceed to the resolutions of Committee 7.

7-01: To Set Forth Clear Mutual Expectations in Carrying Out Office of Visitation

Expectations for visitation of SP (and VPs) to DPs, DPs (and VPs) to CCs, and CCs to pastors/congregations.

7-02: To Return to the Use of Title “Circuit Visitor”

Circuit counselor to be called circuit “visitor,” emphasizing importance of visitation.

7-03: To Establish Visitation Circuits to Best Meet Needs of Congregations

Districts may establish visitation circuits different from electoral circuits. Could this be the return of non-geographical “affinity clusters” in disguise? But that bad idea should be prevented by Bylaw 5.1.2, “Districts shall establish circuits according to geographical criteria.”

7-04: To Adopt General Principles for Judging Viability of Districts

Guidelines for forming, consolidating, or dividing a district of Synod. Each district to evaluate itself by 2016.

7-05: To Allow E-Meetings for Voting by Circuits, Districts, and Synod Agencies

To avoid traveling long distances for a brief voting meeting, e.g., a circuit forum to select circuit counselor or elect convention delegates. But face-to-face is better. And the circuit forum could be planned to include other aspects, so as to make the trip worthwhile.

7-06: To Provide Process for Placement of Candidates

COP to help place the 217 ordained ministers without calls. Don’t hold your breath, though, expecting all the DPs to actually follow through on this.

7-07: To Respond to 2010 Res 8-05B, To Change Process for Electing Delegates to Synod Conventions

The Creature from the Blue Cocoon! The Past Blue Ribbon Fear! The Return of 8-05B! No, no, no! This was a bad Blue Ribbon idea in 2010. It is a bad idea now. At the 2010 convention we managed to get this bad resolution shunted off to the Commission on Handbook, where we hoped it would die. But now it has been brought back, in slightly modified form, to this convention. Let’s hope it never makes it to the floor, but if it does, just vote NO. As I wrote in 2010: “Delegates to national conventions would no longer be elected at the circuit forums, but rather at the district conventions. Power is being moved away from the grassroots level of congregations and circuits and moved up the ladder to the district level. Your circuit might not get any delegates. NO.”

7-08: To Respond to 2010 Res 8-05B, To Establish Number of Delegates to Synod Conventions

The Return of 8-05B continues! Again, no, no, no! This is the companion piece to the previous resolution; they’re joined at the hip. Both need to be voted down. Delegates to national conventions would be elected at district conventions, not by circuit forums. Bad Blue Ribbon idea in 2010. Bad idea now. NO.

7-09: To Resolve Bylaw Issues Remaining from 2010 Convention Restructuring Decisions

Clarify language in bylaws.

7-10: To Adopt Four-Year Convention Cycle

There's too much to do to wait that long between conventions! Many important issues at this convention are being deferred to the 2016 convention, and that convention may not get to them all. It will take several conventions to get to all the important business that is needed to be done, so let's not stretch out the convention cycle. This resolution is the return of another bad Blue Ribbon idea. NO.

7-11: To Address *Handbook* Issues re Expulsion Process (Bylaws 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.17)

I am wary of anything coming from this committee in conjunction with the Commission on Handbook. Default mode on 7-11 through 7-14 should be "No," unless satisfied that there are no hidden problems.

7-12: To Address *Handbook* Issues re Dispute Resolution Process (Bylaw Section 1.10)

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7-13: To Address *Handbook* Issues re Bylaws Pertaining to District

Problem in A: By striking "fellow," it would open up the circuit counselors coming from outside the circuit. That is not good. Problem in B: This resolution would let DPs appoint circuit counselors at the district convention, if a circuit selection has not been made previously, whereas currently the circuit could caucus there to elect their circuit counselor. There may be other problems with this resolution as well.

7-14: To Address *Handbook* Issues re Synod Conventions

Problem: On p. 175, lines 53-55, clarify "individual members," so as not to exclude lay members of LCMS congregations.

7-15: To Address District Membership/Ecclesiastical Supervision Issues (Bylaw 2.12 et al.)

Ecclesiastical supervision of workers outside U.S. International congregations seeking district membership.

7-16: To Strengthen District Boards of Directors

District BODs could appoint up to three voting lay members, for added skills. But should non-elected appointed members be able to vote?

7-17: To Amend Bylaw 3.1.4 to Include All Officers of the Synod

Appointed officers' expenses covered to attend convention.

7-18: To Study Doctrinal Training for Reconcilers

Referred to COP, CCM, and Secretary of Synod for study and recommendations.

7-19: To Respectfully Decline Overtures

Declines rescinding regional VPs. I was opposed to the regionalization of VPs and BOD, but maybe we can get to this next time. Declines restoring pre-1992 adjudication process. We do need to fix the Dispute Resolution Process, but, again, maybe down the road.

So now we have taken a brief look at all 116 proposed resolutions from the seven floor committees. Here again are three ways you can give your feedback on any of them, before the convention begins:

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