

2019 LCMS Convention Overtures

1. National Witness

1-01 To Reaffirm and Expand the Use of <i>Every One His</i>	
1-02 To Encourage Workers in Personal Evangelism	
1-03 To Prepare a Report for Small Congregations	
1-04 To Prioritize the Study of Dual- and Multi Congregation Parish Ministry Situations within the Synod	
1-05 To Prioritize the Study of Dual- and Multi Congregation Parish Ministry Situations and the Men Who Serve Them within the LCMS	
1-06 To Coordinate the Synod's Response to Assaults on Marriage, Life, and Family	
1-07 To Promote Awareness of and Provide Educational Resources for Specialized Pastoral Ministry	
1-08 To Request That the LCMS Provide Assistance to Workers Crossing the Canada/United States Border to Serve	
1-09 To Memorialize the LCMS regarding Proactive Child Protection	
1-10 To Limit Mission Fundraising during Advent and Lent	
1-11 To Support the Continued Legacy of Dr. Rosa J. Young through the Rosa J. Young Memorial Committee at Rosebud	
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2. International Witness

2-01 To Support International Missionaries	
2-02 To Commend and Thank God for Accomplishments in International Mission	
2-03 To Overrule Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion 14-2724	
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2-08 To Overrule Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion 14-2724	
2-09 To Return 2016 Ov. 2-04, "To Overrule CCM Opinion 14-2724," for Action by the 2019 Synod Convention	
2-10 To Amend Synod Bylaws to Recognize Authority of Congregations to Send Missionaries	
2-11 To Reaffirm Synod Bylaw 3.8.3 Guaranteeing the Board for International Mission Remains the Sole Sending Agency	

through Which Workers and Funds Are Sent to the Foreign Mission Areas of the Synod	
2-12 To Encourage and Support International Theological Education by Our Seminaries in Aid of World Lutheran Churches	
2-13 To Commend the Lutheran Heritage Foundation on Its 25th Anniversary	

3. Mercy

3-01 To Commend LCMS Life Ministry	
3-02 To Commend Lutherans For Life	
3-03 To Provide for the Adequate Training of Our Synod, Districts, Seminaries, Pastors, and Congregations in the Area of Mental Illnesses and Disorders	
3-04 To Encourage Adequate Training of Our Pastors and Congregations to Recognize and Provide Pastoral Care for Those Suffering from Clinical Depression, Mental Illnesses, and Other Mental Disorders	
3-05 To Provide Ministry Assistance to Our Pastors and Congregations in the Areas of Clinical Depression, Mental Illnesses & Disorders	
3-06 To Direct the CTCR to Prepare an Addendum to the Study <i>Immigrants Among Us</i>	
3-07 To Give Thanks and Praise to God and Encourage Support for LIRS Ministry Welcoming Refugees and Displaced Persons	
3-08 To Sever Any Agreements with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service	
3-09 To Mark the 75th Anniversary of Lutheran World Relief	
3-10 To Support the Well-Being of All the Church's Workers and Church Worker Families	
3-11 To Promote Worker Wellness	
3-12 To Encourage District and Circuit Action toward Worker Wellness	

4. Life Together

4-01 To Establish Mission and Ministry Emphases for the 2019–2021 Synod Triennium	
4-02 To Reaffirm “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” as the Mission and Ministry Emphasis for the 2019–2021 Triennium	
4-03 To Forward Emphases to Synod for Next Triennium	
4-04 To Commend to Synod Priorities for National Mission and Ministry Emphases	
4-05 To Commend to Synod Priorities for National Mission and Ministry Emphases	
4-06 To Recommend Mission and Ministry Emphases for the Synod's Next Triennium	
4-07 To Provide Mission and Ministry Emphases	
4-08 To Amend Bylaw Section 6.2 to Revitalize Synod's Recognized Service Organization Program	

4-09 To Commend Actions to Synod Boards and Offices to Revitalize Synod's Recognized Service Organization Program	
4-10 To Encourage Every Sunday Communion	
4-11 To Encourage the Study and Practice of Every Sunday Communion by All Congregations of the Synod/District	
4-12 To Reaffirm Formula of Concord Article X and the Freedom to Practice Certain Church Ceremonies	
4-13 To Reaffirm Our Encouragement for the Use of Approved Synod Worship Materials in Missouri Synod Congregations	
4-14 To Study Responsible Stewardship of the Mysteries of God, That Is, "Closed Communion"	
4-15 To Adhere To, Teach, and Confess a Faithful Practice of Close(d) Communion	
4-16 To Encourage the Study of the Doctrine of Closed Communion and Faithful Practice in All Congregations	
4-17 To Care for the Members of the Body of Christ through Fraternal Communication	
4-18 To Publish Recommended Steps in, and to Study, Orderly Transfers	
4-19 To Reaffirm the Use of the Names <i>Lutheran</i> and <i>The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod</i> by All Congregations and Missions of the Districts and/or Synod	
4-20 To Work Together in Mission	
4-21 To Uphold the Pastoral Office in the Electronic Age	
4-22 To Study How to Amend the Practice of Issuing Calls to Positions Not in the Direct Service of the Proclamation of the Gospel and the Administration of the Sacraments	
4-23 To Provide Clergy for Word and Sacrament Ministry by Designating Synod Positions to Be Filled with Qualified Laity	
4-24 To Affirm and Celebrate 60 Years of DCE Ministry in the Synod	
4-25 To Adjust Benefits of the Concordia Retirement Plan to Reflect an Annual Cost of Living Increase	
4-26 To Continue the Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, including Commemoration of Events from 1519 through 1522	
4-27 To Declare April 18, 2021, as "Here I Stand" Sunday and Encourage Multi-Congregation Celebrations	
4-28 To Improve the Clarity of Written Communication	
4-29 To Thank and Praise God for Concordia Publishing House's 150th Anniversary	
4-30 To Thank and Praise God for the 10th Anniversary of the Publication of <i>The Lutheran Study Bible</i>	

5. Theology and Church Relations

5-01 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium	
5-02 To Endorse Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church	

5-03 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa	
5-04 To Clarify Status of LCMS Relationships in Sri Lanka	
5-05 To Revise Paragraph 3(a) of the Operating Agreement Between the Lutheran Church—Canada and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
5-06 To Amend Bylaw 3.9.5.2.2 Regarding Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with New Church Bodies Formed by Partner Churches	
5-07 To Exhort LCMS Partner Churches to Leave the Lutheran World Federation	
5-08 To Exhort LCMS Partner Churches to Leave the Lutheran World Federation	
5-09 To Embrace Our Ecumenical Duty	
5-10 To Commend and Support the International Lutheran Council (ILC)	
5-11 To Reaffirm the Scriptural Teaching concerning the Age of the Earth	
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5-13 To Reaffirm the Scriptural Teaching concerning the Age of the Earth	
5-14 To Study and Respond to “Young” and “Old” Earth Creationist Teachings	
5-15 To Encourage Scriptural Teaching concerning Creation	
5-16 To Confess and Reaffirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
5-17 To Ask Circuit and District Pastors Conferences to Study Our Synod’s Statements Dealing with Creation and Explore Ways to Help Congregations Discuss Issues Related to the Intersections of Faith and Science	
5-18 To Confess and Affirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
5-19 To Reaffirm and Clarify the Article “Of Creation” of <i>A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the LCMS, 1932</i>	
5-20 To Confess and Reaffirm Six-Day Creation and the Official Position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
5-21 To Reaffirm the Biblical Witness of a Six-Day Creation	
5-22 To Humbly Confess the Six Twenty-Four Hour Day Creation as Being in Accordance with Holy Scripture	
5-23 To Confess and Reaffirm the Six Days of Creation Are Six Ordinary/Normal Days	
5-24 To Require the Teachings of Creation and the Fall as God Has Revealed Them in Holy Scriptures in all Congregations, Schools, and Synod Institutions	
5-25 To Preserve the Authority and Clarity of the New Testament Scriptures	
5-26 To Give Thanks for God’s Holy Word	
5-27 To Reaffirm Our Historic Stand of a Church that Believes	

and Practices Ministry “By Scripture Alone”	
5-28 To Encourage Our Pastors to Preach and Teach in a Very Clear Way the Promise of Everlasting Life	
5-29 To Give a Clear Confession of the Resurrection in Our Funeral Practices	
5-30 To Adopt the Conclusions of the Lutheran Church—Canada’s CTCR Document, “Cremation and the Christian”	
5-31 To Affirm the Relationship Between Unity in Theology and Mission and Diversity in Practice	
5-32 To Affirm the Tension Between Unity in Theology and Mission and Diversity in Practice	
5-33 To Affirm the Validity of the Word and Sacraments	
5-34 To Affirm the Efficacy of the Word and Sacraments Apart from Ordination	
5-35 To Affirm the Priesthood of All Believers in Christ and Therefore Their Call as Missionaries	
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5-37 To Affirm the Biblical Teaching of the Reading of Scriptures in the Public Worship Service as a Function of the Pastoral Office	
5-38 To Rejoice in the Proclamation of God’s Word by His Called and Ordained Servants	
5-39 To Request that the CTCR Revisit the 1985 CTCR Document “Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice” regarding Lay Lectors	
5-40 To Conform to God’s Will Regarding the Roles of Men and Women in Church Leadership	
5-41 To Direct the CTCR to Address the Signing of Public Interfaith and Interdenominational Statements by Members of Synod	

6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries

6-01 To Direct a Review of Admission and Certification for Routes to Ordination	
6-02 To Restore Both Biblical Languages to the Education of Future Pastors	
6-03 To Increase the Academic Standards of the Synod’s “Specific Ministry Pastor” (SMP) Program	
6-04 To Revise the Specific Ministry Pastor Limitations	
6-05 To Improve the Specific Ministry Pastor Program	
6-06 To Upgrade and Limit the SMP Program	
6-07 To Request Synod to Move Ordination Upon Completion of SMP Four-Year Program	
6-08 To Support the SMP Program	
6-09 To Support the Synod’s Specific Ministry Pastor Program	
6-10 To Colloquize Specific Ministry Pastors for the “Regular” Ministers of Religion—Ordained Pastoral Ministry Status	
6-11 To Develop a Worker Training Plan	

6-12 To Restore Supervision of Licensed Lay Deacon Ministry to the Districts	
6-13 To Revoke the Requirement that District Presidents Acquire Approval of the Council of Presidents to License New Licensed Lay Deacons	
6-14 To Revoke the Requirement the District Presidents Acquire Approval of the Council of Presidents to Retain Licensed Lay Deacons in Exceptional Circumstances	
6-15 To Thank Those Involved in Rostering Licensed Lay Deacons	
6-16 To Authorize the Council of Presidents (Acting as the Board of Assignments) to Create a System for the Placement of Inactive— Candidate Members	
6-17 To Improve a System for the Placement of Members on Candidate Status	
6-18 To Fund a Synod Program of Support to Promote Increased Enrollment at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	
6-19 To Create a Pastor Training Program for Currently Serving Christian Pastors to Become LCMS Pastors	
6-20 To Support and Utilize <i>Preach the Word</i>	
6-21 To Support the Role of Our Seminaries in Ongoing Pastoral Education	

7. University Education

7-01 To Amend Bylaws Related to Structure and Governance of the Concordia University System	
7-02 To Direct the Concordia University System Advisory Council to Lead a Process to Propose a New Governance Plan	
7-03 To Modify the Governance of the Colleges and Universities of the Concordia University System	
7-04 To Modify the Governance of the Colleges and Universities of the Concordia University System	
7-05 To Affirm that the Concordia University System Colleges and Universities Exist to Educate Both Church Workers and Lay People and to Modify their Governance System	
7-06 To Provide Regional Support for Our Concordia Universities and Colleges	
7-07 To Affirm Balanced Governance for Concordia University System Institutions	
7-08 To Affirm Balanced Governance for Concordia University System Institutions	
7-09 To Streamline the Concordia University System and Provide for the Education of Professional Church Workers	
7-10 To Give Thanks for the Concordia University System Presidential Search Process and Those Participating Therein	
7-11 To Affirm the Three-Fold Role of Concordia University System Presidents	
7-12 To Give Thanks for Servant Leadership for the Concordia University System	

7-13 To Move Our Concordia Universities and Seminaries to Independence from Government Funding	
7-14 To Nurture Our Lutheran System of Higher Education	
7-15 To Amend Bylaws Regarding Qualification of Nominees for Concordia Boards of Regents and CUS Board of Directors	
7-16 To Urge Pastors and Congregational Leaders to Experience Concordia University System Campuses	
7-17 To Amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws to Recognize the Certified Lay Minister as Director of Church Ministries	
7-18 To Encourage Synodical Educational Institutions to Train Students to Become Organists	
7-19 To Encourage Raising Up Lutheran Faculty for Our Concordia University System Institutions	
7-20 To Encourage Raising Up Lutheran Students for Our Concordia University System Institutions	
7-21 To Resolve the Issues at Concordia University, Portland	
7-22 To Close Concordia University, Portland	
7-23 To Recognize and Give Thanks for Work at Selma	
7-24 To Get a Full Report Regarding the Closure of Concordia College Alabama	
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7-26 To Get a Full Report Regarding the Closure of Concordia College Alabama	
7-27 To Get a Full Report Regarding the Closure of Concordia College Alabama	
7-28 To Request a Full Report on the Closure of Concordia College Alabama	
7-29 To Obtain a Full Report Regarding the Closure of Concordia College Alabama	
7-30 To Celebrate and Give Thanks to God for the 125th Anniversary of Concordia University, Nebraska	

8. Finance

8-01 To Encourage the Synod to Establish a Synodwide 1.1.1 Funding Model for Specifically Designated Mission Endeavors	
8-02 To Plan Wisely for the Future Use of Our Earthly Resources, Trusting in the Lord (Jeremiah 29:11)	
8-03 To Acknowledge God's Gift of Pastors and to Memorialize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to Increase Its Budgeted Support of Both Seminaries	
8-04 To Encourage Congregations to Receive Special Offerings to Support the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund on the Occasions of the Ordination/Installation of Pastor or Pastors' Ordination Anniversaries	
8-05 To Optimize the Stewardship of Gifts to Our Seminaries	
8-06 To Ensure Timely and Transparent Financial Reporting in the Synod	
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8-10 To Ensure Timely and Transparent Financial Reporting in the Synod	
8-11 To Exercise Financial Restraint in Salaries of Synod and District Executives and Staff	
8-12 To Change Congregational Assessments for District Conventions	
8-13 To Commend the Work of the LCMS Foundation to the Church	

9. Structure and Administration

9-01 To Recommend Moving to a Four-Year Convention Cycle	
9-02 To Recommend Moving to a Four-Year Convention Cycle	
9-03 To Recommend Moving to a Four-Year Convention Cycle of the Synod and Districts	
9-04 To Move to a Four-Year Convention Cycle	
9-05 To Hold National and District Conventions Every Four Years	
9-06 To Change the Way Electoral Circuits Are Formed	
9-07 To Change the Way Electoral Circuits Are Formed	
9-08 To Change the Requirements for Electoral Circuits	
9-09 To Eliminate the Distinction Between Electoral and Visitation Circuits and the Communicant Membership Requirements of Same	
9-10 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Multicongregation Parish Representation at the Circuit Forum	
9-11 To Elect Delegates to the Synod and District Conventions	
9-12 To Clarify the Meaning of <i>Parish</i> as it Relates to Congregational Representation at District Conventions and Election of the Synod President, and to Distinguish Assisting Capacity Pastoral Calls	
9-13 To Retain the Current Delegate Representation to District Convention of Pastor-Congregation-Parish	
9-14 To Amend Synod's Constitution to Allow All Member Congregations Voice and Vote	
9-15 To Amend the Synod Constitution to Grant a Lay Vote to Every Congregation	
9-16 To Study Allowing All Congregations in a Multi-Congregation Parish to Have a Lay Voting Delegate at District Conventions	
9-17 To Recognize Vacancy Pastors as "In Charge of Congregations" for the Purposes of Voting Representation	
9-18 To Amend the Constitution to Address District Convention Representation	
9-19 To Amend Methods for Selection of Nonvoting and	

Advisory Delegates	
9-20 To Enable Commissioned Ministers to Serve As Voting Lay Delegates	
9-21 To Enable Commissioned Ministers to Serve as Voting Lay Delegates	
9-22 To Consider Voting Privilege for Commissioned Ministers	
9-23 To Propose Commissioned Ministers as Voting Members at LCMS District and Synod Conventions	
9-24 To Amend Synod Bylaws 3.12.2.1 and 3.12.2.2	
9-25 To Amend Bylaw 3.12.2.6 Revising the Process of Election for the Office of the First VicePresident	
9-26 To Amend the Procedures for the Election of First Vice-President	
9-27 To Amend Bylaw 3.12.2.7 (d) to Permit Floor Nominations in Election of Regional VicePresidents	
9-28 To Address Residency Requirements for District Regional Positions	
9-29 To Amend Bylaw 3.1.8 To No Longer Require Publication of Delegate Mailing Addresses	
9-30 To Adopt Data Privacy Best Practices for Delegate Information	
9-31 To Cease the Selling or Distribution of Convention Delegate Personal Information	
9-32 To Adopt Data Privacy Best Practices	
9-33 To Amend Bylaw 3.1.7 regarding the Formation of Floor Committees	
9-34 To Implement Term Limits for the Synod President and First Vice-President	
9-35 To Amend Synod Bylaw 3.2.4.1 regarding Term Limits	
9-36 To Amend Bylaw 3.2.4.1 To Limit Terms of Office for Synod President, First VicePresident, Regional Vice-Presidents, and Secretary of Synod	
9-37 To Set Term Limits for All Synod and District Offices	
9-38 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Call and Roster Matters	
9-39 To Amend the Constitution to Simplify Handling of Commissioned Categories	
9-40 To Amend Various Bylaws to Address Practical Considerations	
9-41 To Amend Various Bylaws for Purposes of Clarification	
9-42 To Add Bylaw 3.3.4.10 to Clarify Access by the Board of Directors to Information of Synod	
Agencies	
9-43 To Amend Synod Bylaw 3.4.1.3 (e)	
9-44 To Amend Bylaws to Change the Board of Directors' Means of Representation on Synodwide Corporate Entities Boards of Directors	
9-45 To Amend Bylaw 3.7.1 to Clarify the Commencement	

Date for Members of the Board of Trustees—Concordia Plans/Board of Directors—Concordia Plan Services and Eliminate Obsolete Provisions	
9-46 To Raise the Number of Official Conferences	

10. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution

10-01 To Clarify the Relationship of the Synod to its Members Affirming Article VII	
10-02 To Amend LCMS Constitution Article XI	
10-03 To Address Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-04 To Strengthen the Pastoral Relationship between District Presidents and Those under Their Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-05 To Reorganize The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod into Smaller Districts	
10-06 To Permit Access by Rostered Workers and Formerly Rostered Workers to Own Personnel Records	
10-07 To Affirm the Advisory Role of District Presidents in Their Service of Calling Congregations of the LCMS	
10-08 To Allow the Use of the Term <i>Bishop</i> in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
10-09 To Memorialize Synod to Revise Eligibility to Serve as Circuit Visitor	
10-10 To Encourage Proper Pastoral Oversight in Administration of Lord's Supper through Visitation of Ecclesiastical Supervisors	
10-11 To Address the Election of the Chairman for the Council of Presidents, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	
10-12 To Align the Voting Practice of the Council of Presidents with the LCMS Constitution and Bylaws	
10-13 To Improve the Transparency of the Council of Presidents by Making Its Minutes Public	
10-14 To Make the Policies of the Council of Presidents Public	
10-15 To Direct the Council of Presidents to Include Questions concerning Genesis 1–2, the Six-Day Creation, and the Teaching of Evolutionary Theory as Fact in the Self-Evaluation Tool (SET), Used for Pastors and Pastoral Candidates, and in the Commissioned Minister Information Form (CMIF)	
10-16 To Overrule Board of Directors' May 2017 Resolution Regarding 2016 Resolution 12-14 and Bylaw 7.1.2	
10-17 To Overrule Board of Directors' May 2017 Resolution Regarding 2016 Resolution 12-14 and Bylaw 7.1.2	
10-18 To Overrule Board of Directors' May 2017 Resolution Regarding 2016 Resolution 12-14 and Bylaw 7.1.2	
10-19 To Create an Ecclesiastical Supervision Task Force to Accomplish the Will and Spirit of Milwaukee Resolution 12-14	
10-20 To Reverse the Synod Bylaw Changes Made by Synod Board of Directors Regarding Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-21 To Rescind Commission on Constitutional Matters Opinion 16-2791	

10-22 To Remove Synod Bylaw 2.14.5	
10-23 To Remove Synod Bylaw 2.14.5 on Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-24 To Reestablish the District President as Supervisor of Individual Members of Synod	
10-25 To Reaffirm 2016 Resolution 12-14 and Synod Bylaw Sections 2.14–2.17	
10-26 To Affirm the Results of 2016 Resolution 12-14 Regarding Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-27 To Study the Question of Ecclesiastical Supervision	
10-28 To Revise the Synod Dispute Resolution Process	
10-29 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Dispute Resolution Processes	
10-30 To Restore Right of Appeal to Disciplinary Proceedings	

11. Church and Culture

11-01 To Give Guidance and Encourage Action on Beginning-of-Life Issues	
11-02 To Condemn the Abortion Rights Ideology as Heresy	
11-03 To Condemn the Pro-Choice Ideology as Heresy	
11-04 To Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide	
11-05 To Oppose Physician-Assisted Suicide and to Support Enhanced Palliative Care	
11-06 To Combine Synod Efforts to Support Marriage, Life, and Family into a Unified Ministry	
11-07 To Affirm the Synod’s Position on Marriage and Family	
11-08 To Uphold the Integrity of the Holy Estate of Marriage	
11-09 To Give Witness That Same-Sex Unions Are Not Marriage	
11-10 To Encourage Our Church to Faithfulness Regarding Marriage	
11-11 To Encourage Synod to Develop Resources to Aid Congregations and Schools Regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues	
11-12 To Engage in Ministry to Transgendered Persons	
11-13 To Decry Racism in Church and Society (Resolution 02-07-18)	
11-14 To Condemn the Sin of Racism	
11-15 To Resist the Increasing Influence of the Gnostic Heresy	
11-16 To Address the Global War on Christianity	
11-17 To Remember the Persecuted Church	
11-18 To Expand the Mandate of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty	

12. Retention: Schools, Family, Youth and Young Adults

12-01 To Develop a General Confessional Ethos in Our Congregations	
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12-02 To Encourage Congregations toward Retention of Members through Catechesis	
12-03 To Encourage Families to Teach the Lutheran Faith with an Eye toward Lutheran Mission	
12-04 To Encourage Congregations to Help Parents in their Duty to Pass on the Faith	
12-05 To Support and Strengthen Marriage and Family	
12-06 To Give Thanks for Campus Ministry and Endorse Best Practices Therein	
12-07 To Encourage Ministry to College-Age Young People	
12-08 To Take Further Steps in the Retention of College Students in Synod Congregations	