

# 2019 LCMS Convention Proposed Resolutions

## Today's Business, First Edition

### 1. National Witness

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| 1-01 To Encourage God's People to Engage in Active Witness  |  |
| 1-02 To Encourage the Planting of Churches  |  |
| 1-03 To Study Shared Ministry among Small Congregations   |  |
| 1-04 To Support the Continuing Legacy of Dr. Rosa J. Young and Commend All Those Who Are Working to Preserve It |  |
| 1-05 To Strengthen Multi-Ethnic Outreach  |  |
| 1-06 To Support Marriage, Life, and Family  |  |
| 1-07 To Continue Vigilance in Child Protection  |  |
| 1-08 To Give Thanks to God for 100 Years of LCMS Campus Ministry  |  |

### 2. International Witness

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| 2-01 To Thank God for 125 Years of International Mission through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod  |  |
| 2-02 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the Office of International Mission in the Asia Region  |  |
| 2-03 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the Office of International Mission in the Latin American and Caribbean Region                  |  |
| 2-04 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the Office of International Mission in the Eurasia Region                                       |  |
| 2-05 To Give Thanks to God for the Work of the Office of International Mission in the Africa Region  |  |
| 2-06 To Encourage Support of Short-Term International Mission Activities   |  |
| 2-07 To Strengthen and Encourage the Partnership of our Congregations in International Mission through the Board for International Mission |  |
| 2-08 To Give Thanks for Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Ministry to the Armed Forces  |  |
| 2-09 To Encourage and Support International Theological Education by the Synod and Our Seminaries in Aid of World Lutheran Churches        |  |
| 2-10 To Commend the Lutheran Heritage Foundation on its 25th Anniversary   |  |

### 3. Mercy

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| 3-01 To Commend and Give Thanks for the Work of Synod regarding Disaster Response   |  |
| 3-02 To Commend Lutherans for Life and LCMS Life Ministries   |  |
| 3-03 To Give Thanks for the “Cooperation in Externals” with LIRS in Welcoming Refugees and Displaced Persons  |  |
| 3-04 To Encourage Training of Our Pastors, Church Workers and Congregations to Recognize and Provide Pastoral Care for Those Suffering from Clinical Depression, Mental Illnesses, and Other Mental Disorders |  |
| 3-05 To Encourage Worker Wellness   |  |
| 3-06 To Respectfully Decline Overtures  |  |

### 4. Life Together

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| 4-01 To Affirm and Celebrate 60 Years of Director of Christian Education Ministry in the Synod   |  |
| 4-02 To Commend LCMS Deaconesses and Diaconal Work   |  |
| 4-03 To Commend to Synod Priorities for Mission and Ministry Emphasis for the 2019–2022 Triennium                                      |  |
| 4-04 To Expand and Strengthen the Input with Which the Synod’s Triennial Mission and Ministry Emphases Are Determined                  |  |
| 4-05 To Commend the Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod in 2022                                 |  |
| 4-06 To Amend Bylaw Section 6.2 to Revitalize Synod’s Recognized Service Organization Program  |  |
| 4-07 To Commend Actions to Synod Boards and Offices to Revitalize Synod’s Recognized Service Organization Program                      |  |
| 4-08 To Thank and Praise God for Concordia Publishing House’s 150th Anniversary  |  |
| 4-09 To Declare April 18, 2021, as “Here I Stand” Sunday and to Encourage Multi-Congregation Celebrations                              |  |
| 4-10 To Continue the Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, including Commemoration of Events from 1519 through 1522 |  |
| 4-11 To Encourage the Study of the Doctrine of Closed Communion and Faithful Practice in All Congregations                             |  |

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| 4-12 To Thank and Praise God for the 10th Anniversary of the Publication of <i>The Lutheran Study Bible</i> |  |
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## 5. Theology and Church Relations

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| 5-01 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium  |  |
| 5-02 To Endorse Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church  |  |
| 5-03 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Confessional Lutheran Church of South Africa  |  |
| 5-04 To Recognize Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark   |  |
| 5-05 To Clarify Status of LCMS Relationships in Sri Lanka  |  |
| 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 Clarify the Relationship between LCMS Partner Churches and the Lutheran World Federation   |  |
| 5-08 To Commend and Support the International Lutheran Council   |  |
| 5-09 To Confess the Biblical Six-Day Creation, to Encourage Pastoral Conferences to Study Our Synod's Statements on Creation, and to Help Congregations Concertedly Address Issues Related to the Intersections of Faith and Science |  |
| 5-10 To Commend the Lutheran Church–Canada CTCR Report Cremation and the Christian   |  |
| 5-11 To Address Questions about Unity in Doctrine and Uniformity and Variety in Practice   |  |
| 5-12 To Reaffirm Scriptural Teaching on the Royal Priesthood and the Office of the Public Ministry   |  |
| 5-13 To Reaffirm and Clarify Biblical Teaching on Man and Woman in the Church  |  |

## 6. Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries

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| 6-01 To Support and Participate in the Comprehensive Church Worker Recruitment Initiative                               |  |
| 6-02 To Promote Residential Seminary Education as the Preferred Option for the Preparation of Men for Pastoral Ministry |  |
| 6-03 To Enhance the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program  |  |

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| 6-04 To Support, Encourage, and Expect Continuing Education for all Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Pastors |  |
| 6-05 To Thank Those Involved in Rostering Licensed Lay Deacons   |  |
| 6-06 To Give God Praise and Glory for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne’s 175th Anniversary        |  |
| 6-07 To Support and Utilize <i>Preach the Word</i>   |  |
| 6-08 To Respectfully Decline Overtures   |  |

## 7. University Education

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| 7-01 To Amend Bylaws Related to Structure and Governance of the Concordia University System          |  |
| 7-02 To Nurture Our Lutheran System of Higher Education  |  |
| 7-03 To Direct a Collaborative Process to Propose a New Governance Plan                              |  |
| 7-04 To Advance the Prior Review Process for CUS Institution Presidential Candidates                 |  |
| 7-05 To Recognize and Give Thanks for Work at Selma  |  |
| 7-06 To Celebrate and Give Thanks to God for the 125th Anniversary of Concordia University, Nebraska |  |
| 7-07 To Respectfully Decline Overtures   |  |

## 8. Finance

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| 8-01 To Encourage Congregations to Support Pastoral Formation                  |  |
| 8-02 To Encourage a Synodwide 1.1.1 Funding Model for Defined Mission Outcomes |  |
| 8-03 To Ensure Timely and Transparent Financial Reporting in the Synod         |  |
| 8-04 To Respectfully Decline Overtures   |  |

## 9. Structure and Administration

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| 9-01 To Amend Various Bylaws for Purposes of Clarification   |  |
| 9-02 To Amend Various Bylaws to Address Practical Considerations   |  |
| 9-03 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 |  |
| 9-04 To Amend Bylaw 3.1.8 to No Longer Require   |  |

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| Publication of Delegate Mailing Addresses   |  |
| 9-05 To Amend the Constitution to Address Individual Membership and Advisory Representation   |  |
| 9-06 To Add Bylaw 3.3.4.10 to Clarify Access by the Board of Directors to Information of Synod Agencies   |  |
| 9-07 To Amend Synod Bylaws 3.12.2.1 and 3.12.2.2  |  |
| 9-08 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Multi-congregation Parish Representation at the Circuit Forum   |  |
| 9-09 To Amend Bylaws to Change the Board of Directors' Means of Representation on Synodwide Corporate Entities Boards of Directors  |  |
| 9-10 To Create a Task Force to Study a Four-Year Convention Cycle   |  |
| 9-11 To Address Residency Requirements for District Regional Positions  |  |
| 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 Amend Bylaw 3.12.2.7 (d) to Permit Floor Nominations by the Region in Election of Regional Vice-Presidents  |  |
| 9-14 To Amend Bylaw 3.1.3.1 Regarding the Election of Nonvoting and Advisory Delegates  |  |
| 9-15 To Respectfully Decline Overtures  |  |

## 10. Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution

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| 10-01 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Dispute Resolution Processes  |  |
| 10-02 To Amend Bylaws to Clarify Call and Roster Matters   |  |
| 10-03 To Give Thanks to All who Worked to Complete the Process Outlined by 2016 Resolution 12-14, "Regarding the Right of an Accuser to Appeal When a District President or President Fails to Act or Declines to Suspend" |  |
| 10-04 To Encourage Proper Pastoral Oversight in Administration of Lord's Supper through Visitation of Ecclesiastical Supervisors   |  |
| 10-05 To Affirm the Advisory Role of District Presidents in Their Service of Calling Congregations of the LCMS   |  |
| 10-06 To Respectfully Decline Overtures  |  |

## 11. Church and Culture

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| 11-01 To Give Guidance and Encourage Action on Beginning-of-Life Issues  |  |
| 11-02 To Encourage Faithfulness Regarding Marriage   |  |
| 11-03 To Encourage Synod to Develop Resources to Aid Congregations and Schools regarding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues |  |
| 11-04 To Affirm the Common Humanity of All People and Ethnicities  |  |
| 11-05 To Encourage Responsible Citizenship and Compassion Toward Neighbors Who Are Immigrants Among Us                                 |  |
| 11-06 To Emphasize the Sanctity of Life and the Dangers of Physician-Assisted Suicide  |  |
| 11-07 To Remember the Persecuted Church  |  |

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

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| 12-01 To Commend and Give Thanks for our Lutheran Early Childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools |  |
| 12-02 To Exhort the Congregations of the LCMS to Actively Encourage Future Lutheran School Teachers             |  |
| 12-03 To Encourage Lifelong Catechesis in the Home and Church   |  |
| 12-04 To Shape the Faith Formation Paradigm from Generation to Generation                                       |  |
| 12-05 To Take Further Steps in the Retention of College-Age Students in Synod Congregations                     |  |
| 12-06 To Create a Searchable Database for "Cradle-to-Grave" Resources   |  |
| 12-07 To Strengthen the Family as the Center of Discipleship  |  |

## Omnibus Resolutions

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| Om-A Omnibus Resolution A |  |
| Om-B Omnibus Resolution B |  |
| Om-C Omnibus Resolution C |  |