

To: Fall Pastors' Conference of the Wyoming District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (October 6-8, 2008)
Re: Resolution to Form a Commission (Committee) to Identify and Examine Errors

1. Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the Christian Church, generally, and Pastors, specifically:
 - a. To guard against errors in doctrine and practice; to the Christian Church, St. John wrote: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God" (1 John 4:1; also, 1 Peter 5:8-9, Ephesians 5:6, John 7:24, and others); and, to Pastors, St. Paul said: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers" (Acts 2:42; also, 2 Timothy 4:5, and others); and,
 - b. To contend against errors in doctrine and practice; to the Christian Church, St. Jude wrote: "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3; also, Ephesians 6:10-13, Philippians 1:27, and others); and, to Pastors, St. Paul wrote: "Fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12; also, 2 Timothy 4:2, and others); and,
2. Whereas, all things in the Christian Church are to be done decently and in order; St. Paul wrote: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40); therefore, be it
3. Resolved, that the Pastors of the Wyoming District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod recommend that the District form a commission (committee) to identify and examine errors within the Synod and its associated organizations:

The Constitution of the Synod, which is also the Constitution of the District (Bylaws of the Wyoming District, Article I, Relationship to Synod) states: "Additional officers, boards, and commissions are elected by the districts as they are required for the execution of the business of the districts" (Article XII.4, Districts of the Synod and Their Regulation; also, Bylaws 4.1.1.2.a, District Organization, Governing Principles); moreover

The Constitution of the Synod states: "Conventions of the districts. . .are the principal legislative assemblies, which amend the district's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, consider and take action on reports and overtures, and handle appropriate appeals" (Bylaws, 4.2.1, District Conventions; also, Bylaws 4.8.1.d, Official District Conferences; also, Bylaws of the District, 3.01.A, District Organization, Conventions); accordingly,

The Bylaws of the District state: "Overtures may be submitted. . .[by] an official District Conference" (Bylaws of the Wyoming District, 3.11.b, Reports and Overtures); furthermore, be it

4. Resolved, that the commission (committee) be comprised of five (5) Pastors elected from the clergy roster of the District, to fill the following commission (committee) offices:
 - a. Commission (Committee) Chairman;
 - b. Commission (Committee) Vice-Chairman;
 - c. Commission (Committee) Secretary;
 - d. Commission (Committee) Member;
 - e. Commission (Committee) Member; furthermore, be it
5. Resolved, that the commission (committee) officers be elected by the District in convention, to serve three (3) year terms, with no limit as to the number of terms; furthermore, be it
6. Resolved, that the commission (committee) meet quarterly, and more if necessary, to carry out its assignments; finally, be it
7. Resolved, that the commission (committee) be assigned:
 - a. To identify errors in doctrine and practice within the Synod and its associated organizations; St. Paul wrote: “Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned” (Romans 16:17; also, 1 John 4:1, and others); and,
 - b. To examine such errors in doctrine and practice on the basis of Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; the prophet Isaiah wrote: “To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:20; also, 2 Timothy 3:16, and others); and,
 - c. To publish regular reports on such errors in doctrine and practice, to be distributed, Lord willing (James 4:13-15), to each Pastor and congregation of the District for review and study; and, as deemed helpful by the commission (committee) and in consultation with the Board of Directors of the District, to organize related presentations, convocations, and the like, for the Pastors and congregations of the District; and,
 - d. To draft sample resolutions for use by congregations, circuits, or the District, with a view toward coordinated and formal efforts at synodical reform; St. Luke wrote: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42; also, Matthew 6:13, John 17:17, and others);

Respectfully submitted in Christ Jesus and to His glory (Galatians 1:3-5),

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