
RESOLUTIONS
Resolution 08.1.01 To Declare Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with ILSN and Adopt the Protocol Agreement between LCC and ILSN

Ref. Overture 1.01; Report of the CTCR, E24-25; Report of The Committee for Mission and Social Ministry Services, E13

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada and Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua are grateful to God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon the mission in Nicaragua through the proclamation of the Gospel; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada and Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua recognize the relationship which exists between our two churches, a relationship rooted in a common confession that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions are a correct exposition of that Word; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada and Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua also recognize their continued interdependence as they move forward with the goal of fulfilling the mission Christ has given to His church; and

WHEREAS Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua has declared itself to be in altar and pulpit fellowship with Lutheran Church–Canada; therefore be it

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada declare ourselves to be in altar and pulpit fellowship with Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua; and be it further

RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada and Iglesia Luterana Sínodo de Nicaragua formalize this partnership as two separate yet interdependent bodies by adopting the protocol agreement on page G1 of the Convention Workbook; and be it finally

RESOLVED that we express our thanksgiving to God by rising and singing “O Sing to the Lord” (Cantad al Señor) LSB 808.

ACTION Adopted, Session 1

Resolution 08.1.02 To Refer the CTCR Document “The Public Reading of Scripture in the Divine Service” for Study and Response

Ref. Overture 1.02, CTCR Report “The Public Reading of Scripture” Convention Workbook G.7-G.22; Synod Resolution 02.1.04

WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God written, and the only rule and norm for the doctrine and practice of the Holy Christian Church; and

WHEREAS the reading of the Holy Scriptures is an integral part of the worship of the Church; and

WHEREAS the reading of the Holy Scriptures is a public act, to which pastors are called to give heed; and

WHEREAS there is a wide variety of practice in Lutheran Church–Canada congregations in

- 1 choosing those who will read the Scriptures in the Divine Service; and
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- 3 WHEREAS the Synod in convention has asked the Commission on Theology and Church
4 Relations to examine the issue of the public reading of Scripture in the Divine
5 Service; therefore be it
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- 7 RESOLVED that the CTCR document “The Public Reading of Scripture in the Divine Service” be
8 referred to the pastors and congregations of the Synod for study and response.
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- 10 **ACTION: Adopted as amended, Session 2**
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- 13 **Resolution 08.1.03a To Encourage Christian Forgiveness and Greater Use of Individual**
14 **Confession and Absolution**
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- 16 Ref. Overture 1.03
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- 18 WHEREAS Our Lord has granted to all Christians the joy and privilege of speaking the
19 forgiveness of sins to one another (Eph.4:32 and Matt. 6:12); and
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- 21 WHEREAS Our Lord has also given to His church the gift of individual confession and absolution
22 where the pastor’s word of absolution is spoken to the penitent as by Christ Himself
23 (John 20:19-23); and
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- 25 WHEREAS Individual confession and absolution is clearly set forth in our Lutheran Confessions
26 as well as the Synod’s explanation to the Small Catechism; and
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- 28 WHEREAS the opportunity to use individual confession and absolution was a practice cherished
29 strongly by Luther, Walther, Loehe, and other prominent Lutheran fathers; and
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- 31 WHEREAS Lutheran Service Book offers rites and resources for the use of individual confession
32 and absolution for pastoral care; and
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- 34 WHEREAS Individual confession and absolution is an important means of pastoral care; therefore
35 be it
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- 37 RESOLVED That members of our congregations be encouraged to forgive those who sin against
38 them and to joyfully speak Christ’s word of forgiveness to one another; and be it
39 further
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- 41 RESOLVED That pastors and congregations be encouraged to study the scriptural, confessional,
42 and historical witness to individual confession and absolution with a view toward
43 recovering the regular availability of its practice in our congregations; and be it
44 further
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- 46 RESOLVED That the seminaries be encouraged to provide additional guidance through articles in
47 the *Canadian* Lutheran and seminary journals and in presentations to church workers’
48 conferences; and be it finally
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- 50 RESOLVED That both laity and pastors be encouraged to make greater use of individual

1 confession and absolution.

2 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 4**

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4 **Resolution 08.1.04 To Decline Overture 1.04**

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6 Ref. Overture 1.04

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8 WHEREAS the Smalcald Articles expressly declare ordination to be a public ratification of the
9 call: “Finally, this is confirmed by the declaration of Peter, ‘You are a royal
10 priesthood.’ (1 Pet. 2:9). These words apply to the true church which, since it alone
11 possesses the priesthood, certainly has the right of electing and ordaining ministers.
12 The most common custom of the church also bears witness to this, for there was a
13 time when the people elected pastors and bishops. Afterwards a bishop either of that
14 church or of a neighbouring church, was brought in to confirm the election with the
15 laying on of hands; nor was ordination anything more than such a confirmation.”
16 (Treatise on the Power and Primacy of The Pope para. 70); and

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18 WHEREAS consistent with our Confessions, the Handbook of Synod states: “A candidate for the
19 office of the pastoral ministry in Lutheran Church–Canada may be ordained when the
20 following prerequisites have been met:...He shall have received and accepted a call...”
21 (5.21 Prerequisites for Ordination a.5,6); and

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23 WHEREAS the vicarage is not a call. Rather it is a year of practical training which forms an
24 essential part of the seminaries’ program of training men for the office of the holy
25 ministry. When men have successfully completed the program, they may be certified
26 for ministry and are then eligible to receive a call and be ordained; therefore be it

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28 RESOLVED that Overture 1.04 “To Ordain Vicars” be respectfully declined.

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30 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 2**

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33 **Resolution 08.1.05b To Request a Study and Opinion from the CTCR on Whether A Vicar**
34 **may Celebrate The Lord’s Supper in An Emergency Situation**

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36 Ref. Overture 1.05

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38 WHEREAS a thorough study of the matter of whether or not a vicar may celebrate the Sacrament
39 of the Altar in an emergency situation will be helpful in assisting the church-at-large
40 to determine the appropriateness of such a practice; therefore be it

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42 RESOLVED that the CTCR be asked to provide a study on whether a vicar, in an emergency
43 situation, with approval from the vicarage congregation, the seminary and the Council
44 of Presidents, may celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar; and be it further

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46 RESOLVED that the study be submitted to the next Synodical convention for consideration; and be
47 it further

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49 RESOLVED that the Council of Presidents and seminaries be mindful of the discussion and
50 concerns expressed at this Convention and of the pending study and opinion in any

- 1 consideration of a request for a vicar to celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar based on
2 emergency; and be it finally
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- 4 **RESOLVED** that for the time being, in any apparent emergency, the Council of Presidents in
5 conjunction with the respective District and circuit shall continue to seek all possible
6 means to provide sacramental ministry by an ordained pastor.
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- 8 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 6**
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- 11 **Resolution 08.1.06 To Establish a Task Force to Review the Vicarage Program**
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- 13 Ref. Overture 1.06; 1.07; 1.08
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- 15 **WHEREAS** there is an expressed need to review the practical training of seminary students with
16 respect to length, location and financing of vicarages as well as the mentoring and
17 placement of vicars; therefore be it
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- 19 **RESOLVED** that a task force be established to review the above-mentioned concerns and look at
20 other possible models (e.g. residency program); and be it further
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- 22 **RESOLVED** that the Synod President appoint the members of this task force which shall include,
23 but not be limited to, representatives from the seminaries, Council of Presidents,
24 recent pastoral graduates of our Canadian seminaries and members of the church-at-
25 large; and be it finally
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- 27 **RESOLVED** that, before the next Synod convention, the task force report its recommendations to
28 the Synod Board of Directors and the Boards of Regents of our seminaries for
29 consideration and possible implementation.
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- 31 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 6**
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- 33 **Resolution 08.2.01 To Encourage the Ongoing Work of the French Hymnal Project**
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- 35 Ref: Overture 2.01
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- 37 **WHEREAS** Bylaw 2.109 (2005 LCC Handbook page 28) requires that official service books and
38 hymnals be accepted as such only after a process of exposure and testing; and
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- 40 **WHEREAS** Resolution 05.2.04 commended Lutheran Service Book and agenda for use in our
41 churches; and
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- 43 **WHEREAS** Lutheran Service Book and agenda are not available in the French language for use in
44 our churches; and
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- 46 **WHEREAS** LCC's Committee on Worship and Music has begun to work on a French language
47 version of "Lutheran Service Book;" therefore be it
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- 49 **RESOLVED** that the Committee on Worship and Music be encouraged to continue work on a
50 French hymnal and agenda; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED that the pastors and congregations of Lutheran Church–Canada be encouraged to
2 study, use, and test the proposed hymnal and agenda materials; and be it further
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- 4 RESOLVED our Synod’s Commission on Theology and Church Relations prepare an evaluation of
5 the proposed hymnal and agenda materials; and be it finally
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- 7 RESOLVED that on the basis of the evaluation Lutheran Church–Canada Board of Directors make
8 an appropriate recommendation of the proposed hymnal and agenda to the next Synod
9 convention.
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- 11 **ACTION: Adopted.**
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- 13 **Resolution 08.2.02a To Establish a Chaplaincy Service for the Care of Church Workers and**
14 **Their Families**
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- 16 Ref: Overture 2.05
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- 18 WHEREAS recent studies of Lutheran Church–Canada church workers and their families suggest
19 that a significant number of the Synod’s church workers are experiencing burn-out
20 due to a number of demoralizing issues, and a greater number are in its initial stages;
21 and
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- 23 WHEREAS other North American studies have shown that only 30% of pastors are functioning
24 relatively well; and
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- 26 WHEREAS unhealthy church workers are neither inclined nor able to serve as effective mentors
27 and recruiters of the next generation of church workers; and
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- 29 WHEREAS the lack of adequate preventative pastoral care for church workers and their families
30 undermines leadership for congregations and the church in the future; and
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- 32 WHEREAS trends indicate that this situation will worsen unless adequately addressed; and
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- 34 WHEREAS the Synod as a whole has not yet been able to make significant, pro-active, positive
35 efforts to address these issues, beyond the commendable remedial solutions offered
36 through Worker Benefit Plans; and
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- 38 WHEREAS the Alberta–British Columbia District’s “Task Force for the Care of Church workers
39 and their Families” has taken preliminary steps toward establishing a chaplaincy
40 service which would focus on engaging and alleviating these situations; and
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- 42 WHEREAS the synodical Council of Presidents has recognized this Task Force’s work, has
43 concurred with its assessment of the situation, and has in response convened a synod-
44 wide Symposium on the Care of Church workers and their Families; therefore be it
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- 46 RESOLVED that within the next triennium the president of Lutheran Church–Canada, in
47 consultation with the ABC District’s Task Force for the Care of Church workers and
48 their Families, establish an effective means of providing specific, necessary care,
49 guided by a “Family Systems” approach so that church workers and their families
50 may indeed be encouraged, strengthened and supported “so that their work with be a

1 joy, not a burden” (Heb 13:17)

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3 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 4**

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6 **Resolution 08.2.03 To Establish a Pastoral Mentoring Program**

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8 Ref: Overture 2.04

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10 WHEREAS society has increasingly high expectations of people in all lines of work, especially of
11 new workers in many vocations; and

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13 WHEREAS there are many challenging situations in the ministry where the wisdom of an
14 experienced mentor could be helpful; and

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16 WHEREAS pastors are constantly in need of encouragement in both their personal and
17 professional lives; and

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19 WHEREAS there is stress dealing with people in their everyday lives; and

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21 WHEREAS questions may arise in the early years of the ministry when doctrine and practice do
22 not seem to agree; and

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24 WHEREAS The Lutheran Church of Australia has a mentoring program that might serve as a
25 model; therefore be it

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26 RESOLVED that the Council of Presidents, in consultation with the seminaries, establish a
27 mentorship program pairing respected, faithful, experienced pastors with new pastors
28 to give new members of the Synod encouragement, support and brotherly advice
29 especially in the early years of their ministry.

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31 **ACTION: Defeated, Session 6**

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34 **Resolution 08.2.04a To Decline Overture 2.08**

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36 Ref: Overture 2.08

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38 WHEREAS LCC has two routes for certification through Concordia University College of
39 Alberta: a 3 year Bachelor of Arts, with Lutheran Teacher course work plus two year
40 Bachelor of Education, or Lutheran Teacher course work through colloquy for
41 previously certified teachers; and

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43 WHEREAS integration of Lutheran course work is not feasible under Alberta legislation, and is
44 not compatible with the scope and sequence of the Bachelor of Education after degree;
45 therefore be it

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47 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 2.08.

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49 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 2**

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Resolution 08.2.05 To Provide Biblically-Based Materials and Resources on Christian Discipleship

Ref: Overture 2.03

WHEREAS God richly supplies everything that we need to support our body and life (Psalm 145:15-16; Matthew 10:29-30); and

WHEREAS God has redeemed us in Jesus Christ and has called us to a life of faith and service to Him and service to our fellow man (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Titus 2:14); and

WHEREAS God has called us to be faithful stewards of all that He gives us in this life - our time, our energy, our work, our talents and our treasures (1 Peter 4:10-11); and

WHEREAS the "Vision for Lutheran Church-Canada" developed by the triennial planning meeting of the Synod called for the Church to "Grow the resources available for the mission of the Church" and further defined this strategic direction by stating the following goal: "assist God's people to use their God-given gifts, abilities and talents."; and

WHEREAS our life of discipleship is empowered by the Gospel and nurtured, shaped and formed by the means of grace (Ephesians 2:19-20; 1 Thessalonians 2:13); therefore be it

RESOLVED that over the next three years the president appoint a Task Force to develop Biblically-based materials and resources to help our people study, understand, appreciate and live out their life of discipleship; and be it further

RESOLVED that these materials and resources be promoted and made available to all of our church workers, churches and schools in the various languages in which our church is at work.

ACTION: Adopted, Session 6

Resolution 08.2.06 To Strengthen the Diaconal Colloquy Process

Ref: Overture 2.06

WHEREAS the need for diaconal workers (teacher and Director of Parish Services) in the congregations of LCC surpasses the number of certified rostered workers available; and

WHEREAS congregations respond to that need by engaging the services of gifted non-rostered workers in school classrooms and parish education settings; and

WHEREAS those individuals and their service could benefit from the completion of the course work and formations necessary for certification; and

WHEREAS "Non-rostered workers shall be encouraged to seek certification through the Diaconal Colloquy Committee" (Bylaw 5.01b.3); and

- 1 WHEREAS there are significant challenges to diaconal certification in terms of support, access,
2 and cost; therefore, be it
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4 RESOLVED that the Synod recognize the service of the Word that is being carried out by non-
5 rostered workers and thank them for their service alongside the rostered workers of
6 Synod; and be it further
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8 RESOLVED that the Synod, districts, and congregations of LCC encourage certification of non-
9 rostered workers serving within our congregations and schools; and be it further
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11 RESOLVED that the congregations and their schools be encouraged to provide educational leave
12 time when necessary for non-rostered workers who are engaged in the certification
13 process; and be it further
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15 RESOLVED that in addition to the financial support provided by districts and Concordia University
16 College of Alberta the congregations and their schools be encouraged to provide
17 financial aid for tuition funding to those seeking certification; and be it finally
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19 RESOLVED that Concordia University College of Alberta continue to work at providing access to
20 colloquy coursework through collaborative agreements with other educational
21 institutions and through distance-friendly methods of course delivery.
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23 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended.**

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25 **Resolution 08.2.07 To Support the Synodical Training of Deacons**

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27 Ref: Overture 2.02
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- 29 WHEREAS there is an increasing need for synodically-trained and rostered deacons; and
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31 WHEREAS financial assistance may be a need; and
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33 WHEREAS Concordia University College of Alberta website has details of what is currently in
34 place for Teacher and Director of Parish Services certifications as well as the relevant
35 application methods:
36 <http://www.concordia.ab.ca/programs/churchworkerprograms.php>; therefore be it
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38 RESOLVED that the Board of Directors encourage synodical leaders, pastors, school principals,
39 church elders, and appropriate congregational boards to identify future deacons (eg.
40 Synodical RSVP Program, or similar tool); and be it finally
41
42 RESOLVED that the Board of Directors encourage synodical leaders, pastors, school principals,
43 church elders, and appropriate congregational boards to seek ways of offering
44 financial assistance to those needing it, or time away from work for those whose work
45 schedule prevents them from taking needed and/or desired courses.
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47 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 4**

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49 **Resolution 08.2.08 To Decline Overture 2.07 (“To Review Guidelines for Diaconal**
50 **Colloquy”)**

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2 Ref: Overture 2.07; Report 6: Pastoral and Diaconal Colloquy Committees
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- 4 WHEREAS the Diaconal Colloquy Committee has the authority to evaluate individuals entering
5 the Diaconal Colloquy Program concerning their understanding of Lutheran doctrine
6 and educational practice, (Bylaw 5.105, 5.107); and
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- 8 WHEREAS the Diaconal Colloquy Committee has the authority to define a program of study
9 based on the individual’s demonstrated knowledge and experience, therefore be it
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- 11 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 2.07.
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- 13 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 6**
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- 15 **Resolution 08.3.01 To Move Bylaw 8.43(a) to Bylaw 5.51**
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- 17 Ref: Overture 3.02, Final Report of President’s Task Force on Chapter VIII
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- 19 WHEREAS the Task Force on Chapter 8 recommends that information relating to suspension be
20 placed in one section of the Handbook, and
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- 22 WHEREAS the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure concurs with such a
23 proposal, therefore be it
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- 25 RESOLVED that Bylaw 8.43(a) Duration and Effect of Suspension be subsumed under Bylaw 5.51
26 as
27 f. The suspension of a member shall remain in effect until a decision is reached by
28 the Commission on Adjudication. During the period of suspension a member shall
29 not be relieved of his rights under the Constitution and these Bylaws, but shall be
30 relieved (1) of his duties as a member of the Synod (e.g., delegate to a district or
31 synodical convention, membership on district or synodical boards and
32 commissions) and (2) of the duties and responsibilities of his position with the
33 Synod or with a district or an organization owned and controlled by the Synod,
34 and he shall be ineligible for service in the Synod. Suspension, however, shall
35 not, of itself, act to relieve a member of duties and responsibilities of his position
36 with a congregation which is a member of the Synod, but the district president
37 shall notify the congregation of the suspension so that the congregation may take
38 action as it deems appropriate.
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- 40 And be it finally
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- 42 RESOLVED that reference to Bylaw 8.43 be removed from Bylaw 5.51(a) and (b).
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- 44 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 2**
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- 46 **Resolution 08.3.02 To Amend Chapter VIII**
47
- 48 Ref: Overture 3.01, Synodical Bylaws Chapter VIII, Report of the President’s Task Force
49 on Chapter VIII
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- 1 WHEREAS the Special Committee appointed by the president in accordance with Resolution
2 05.3.02 of the 2005 Convention of Lutheran Church–Canada has reviewed the present
3 bylaws under Chapter VIII “Reconciliation and Adjudication” and reported its
4 recommendations to the president and the Commission on Constitutional Matters and
5 Structure (CCMS), and
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- 7 WHEREAS the CCMS has reviewed the proposed revision of the chapter and recommends its
8 adoption by the convention, there be it
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- 10 RESOLVED that the present Chapter VIII of the 2005 synodical handbook be replaced with the
11 proposal for Chapter VIII of the President’s Task Force on Chapter VIII with the
12 following amendments:
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- 14 1. Section 8.19(b) be deleted and replaced with the following
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16 b. Prior Efforts at Reconciliation Required
17 Before any matter is submitted to formal reconciliation, the parties involved in a
18 dispute are expected to have met together, face to face, in a good-faith attempt to
19 settle their dispute. If this is unsuccessful it is expected that those in dispute will seek
20 the aid of others. The district president may be invited by either party to assist in these
21 reconciliation efforts, in which case he may respond in person or by appointing
22 someone to assist him.
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- 24 2. That the following be added as the last sentence of Section 8.47(a)(v)
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26 Any member of the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure who is a
27 party or an advisor to a party shall not participate in providing an interpretation to the
28 Commission.
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- 30 3. That the following be added as the last sentence of Section 8.47(a)(vi)
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32 Any member of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations who is a party or
33 an advisor to a party shall not participate in providing a decision to the Commission.
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- 35 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**
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- 37 **Resolution 08.3.03 To Support, Encourage and Assist Concordia Lutheran Theological**
38 **Seminary, St. Catharines**
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- 40 Ref: Overture 3.11, Report 21
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- 42 WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary (CLTS) has faithfully trained pastors and
43 church workers for Lutheran Church–Canada and The Lutheran Church–Missouri
44 Synod for over 30 years; and
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- 46 WHEREAS Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary presently faces serious financial
47 challenges; and
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- 49 WHEREAS some urgency exists to deal with these issues on a expedited basis; therefore be it
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- 1 RESOLVED that the Board of Directors provide support, encouragement and assistance to the
 2 Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary as they work through
 3 their current financial challenges.
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- 5 **ACTION Adopted, Session 5**
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- 8 **Resolution 08.3.04 To implement a cost efficient seminary program for Lutheran Church-**
 9 **Canada**
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 11 Ref: Overture 3.11, Reports 3, 20, 21 and institutional Reports (p. E50 of Convention
 12 Workbook)
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- 14 WHEREAS the seminaries of Lutheran Church-Canada continue to face new challenges and
 15 opportunities as they seek to sustain their service to our Synod in training pastors and
 16 lay people; and
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- 18 WHEREAS Synod is unable to materially increase its financial support for operating the two
 19 seminaries; and
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- 21 WHEREAS student enrolment at both seminaries has decline from the 1990s and of a combined
 22 basis has remained stable for the last 4 years; and
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- 24 WHEREAS cost effective technological advances exist to creatively deliver theological education,
 25 including video conferencing, web-based delivery and distance education; and
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- 27 WHEREAS the two seminaries have an accumulated deficit of \$800, 000.00 and the average cost
 28 of operating the seminaries over the last 6 years has exceeded revenue by \$96, 612.00
 29 per year; and
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- 31 WHEREAS our partner churches in Australia and Brazil face similar issues of geography and yet
 32 each maintains a single seminary; therefore be it
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- 34 RESOLVED Lutheran Church-Canada create a cost efficient seminary program for the training of
 35 pastors for Lutheran Church-Canada; and be it further
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- 37 RESOLVED the Board of Directors implement a plan to fulfill this resolution, including bringing
 38 forward to the next Synodical convention and amendments to the constating
 39 documents and Handbook of Synod; and be it finally
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- 41 RESOLVED the Board of Directors provide semi-annual progress reports to the constituency of our
 42 Synod through the *Canadian Lutheran*.
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- 44 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 5**
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- 47 **Resolution 08.3.05 To Approve Appropriate Technologies for Conducting the Business of**
 48 **Synod**
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 50 Ref: Overture 3.03

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2 WHEREAS there may be occasions in our synodical structure when for the sake of cost savings in
3 money and time, it could possibly be an advantage to use appropriate technologies
4 that would accomplish the purposes of the Synod;
5 WHEREAS appropriate technologies exist to permit meetings to be held without all the individuals
6 being physically present; and
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8 WHEREAS such teleconferences and electronic meetings are commonly permitted by corporations
9 and other secular entities; be it
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11 RESOLVED that any individual may participate in a meeting of a Board, Committee, Task Force,
12 Circuit or other synodical body or entity, other than conventions by means of
13 telephone or other communication facilities that permit all persons participating in the
14 meeting to hear or otherwise communicate with each other and such individual
15 participating in such meeting by such means shall be deemed to be present at such
16 meeting PROVIDED ALWAYS that notice of the fact that a meeting is being held in
17 whole or in part by telephone or electronic means shall be provided in the notice
18 regarding the meeting provided to each participant and the chairman will ensure all
19 individuals who will not be physically present have proper access to the means for
20 participating in such telephone or electronic meeting; and be it further
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22 RESOLVED that CCMS bring forward such amendments to the relevant sections of the Handbook
23 of Synod to facilitate such meetings.
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25 **ACTION Adopted as Amended, Session 5**
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27 **Resolution 08.3.06 To Waive LSO Charitable Status Requirements for Lutherans for Life–**
28 **Canada**
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30 Ref: Overture 3.06, Bylaw 13.03(a)(5)
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32 WHEREAS Lutherans For Life–Canada (LFLC) is an approved organization of Lutheran Church–
33 Canada (See Lutheran Church–Canada home page - Other Resources - Sister
34 Churches and Partner Organizations); and
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36 WHEREAS it would be beneficial for it to be a Listed Service Organization (LSO), (for example
37 some organizations will not allow a display table unless it is a LSO); and
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39 WHEREAS one of the requirements to LSO status is to have a federally-granted charitable status;
40 and
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42 WHEREAS the Federal Government refuses to give to LFLC charitable status because LFLC has a
43 one-sided approach to life issues; therefore, be it
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45 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada waive the charitable status requirement in Bylaw
46 13.03(a)(5) for Lutherans For Life–Canada; and be it finally
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48 RESOLVED that the Board of Directors be and hereby are directed to grant LSO status to
49 Lutherans for Life–Canada.
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1 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**

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5 **Resolution 08.3.07 To Decline Overture 3.08 (“To Establish a Four-Year Convention**
6 **Cycle”)**

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8 Ref: Overtures 3.08 & 3.09, Constitution of Lutheran Church–Canada Article VII(A)(1)

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10 WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada currently operates on a three-year convention cycle; and

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12 WHEREAS current terms on synodical Boards and Committees are 6 years; and

13 WHEREAS there is concern with respect to increasing this commitment to 8 years; and

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15 WHEREAS a 4 year Convention Cycle would lead to more decisions being made by the Board of
16 Directors and thus a perceived centralization of decision making; and

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18 WHEREAS extending the Convention Cycle to 4 years requires that resolutions passed at a
19 convention which require a Task Force study would often take a minimum of 8 years
20 to implement; and

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22 WHEREAS a 4 year convention cycle would also often lead to an 8 year process to amend the
23 Constitution and Bylaws; and

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25 WHEREAS there is a need for more frequent contact between laity and clergy nationally; and

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27 WHEREAS more frequent interaction on a national level would help foster unity in Lutheran
28 Church–Canada; therefore be it

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30 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 3.08.

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32 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 5**

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35 **Resolution 08.3.08 To Establish Joint District and Synodical Conventions**

36
37 Ref: Overtures 3.08 & 3.09, Constitution of Lutheran Church–Canada Article VII(A)(1)

38
39 WHEREAS Lutheran Church–Canada currently operates on a three-year convention cycle; and

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41 WHEREAS significant energy and resources are required to plan and implement conventions; and

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43 WHEREAS each congregation is encouraged to be actively involved in the purposes of Lutheran
44 Church–Canada; and

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46 WHEREAS the convention of each district could be accomplished either during sectional times at
47 a national convention (as at the founding convention of LCC), or prior to or after the
48 synodical convention; and

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50 WHEREAS holding district and synodical conventions together would foster greater unity in the

- 1 Church;
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- 3 WHEREAS by holding district and synodical conventions together, stronger and more efficient
4 strategic planning can be implemented; therefore be it
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- 6 RESOLVED the district conventions take place jointly with the synodical convention; and be it
7 further
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- 9 RESOLVED these conventions be held every three years with voting representation from every
10 congregation; and be it further
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- 12 RESOLVED these conventions rotate from district to district; and be it further
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- 14 RESOLVED the Board of Directors be charged with implementing this resolution in consultation
15 with the district Boards of Directors; and be it further
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- 17 RESOLVED CCMS review the Handbook of Synod and bring appropriate amendments to the 2011
18 synodical convention to reflect this change in the convention process; and be it further
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- 20 RESOLVED the three districts of the Synod be directed to amend their bylaws to reflect a joint
21 convention cycle on or before their 2012 District conventions; and be it finally
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- 23 RESOLVED this new cycle be implemented with the regularly scheduled synodical convention in
24 2014.
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- 26 **ACTION: Defeated, Session 5**
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- 28 **Resolution 08.3.09 To Establish a Task Force on Cultural Properties and Archives**
- 29
- 30 Ref: Overture 3.04 and 3.05, Report 11
- 31
- 32 WHEREAS God has richly blessed the proclamation of His Word in Canada through Lutheran
33 Church–Canada, and before 1989, through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod;
34 and
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- 36 WHEREAS this blessing continues as congregations carry out the mission of the church; and
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- 38 WHEREAS the preservation of this record of God’s grace was carefully recorded and preserved by
39 our forbearers; and
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- 41 WHEREAS the volume of new information suitable for preservation for future generations
42 continues to grow; and
- 43
- 44 WHEREAS two of Lutheran Church–Canada’s three districts rely on part-time volunteers to
45 process new materials and maintain records of our Lutheran heritage; and
- 46
- 47 WHEREAS the Lutheran Church of Australia maintains a single, effective and efficient national
48 archive; and
- 49
- 50 WHEREAS funding for all district programs does not allow the level of support required to

- 1 guarantee systematic and timely preservation of historical records and artifacts; and
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 3 WHEREAS governance issues have been raised as a potential barrier to the Lutheran Historical
 4 Institute effectively carrying out its mission; therefore be it
 5 RESOLVED that Synod's Board of Directors establish a task force to assess the current state of all
 6 LCC archival holdings, processes and facilities, and recommend ways to provide
 7 coordination, ongoing adequate funding and staffing, including any changes in the
 8 organization and governance of existing entities that need to be undertaken; and be it
 9 further
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 11 RESOLVED the task force report its findings to the Board of Directors no later than June 2010 for
 12 discussion and possible action at the next synodical convention; and be it further
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 14 RESOLVED that funding for this task force come from a \$500.00 assessment from each of: the
 15 Synod Office, three district offices, two seminaries and the university college; and be
 16 it further
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 18 RESOLVED Lutheran Church–Canada, its districts, congregations and institutions be encouraged
 19 to continue the ongoing collection of historical documents so that future generations
 20 may praise God for His blessings upon His people.
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 22 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 2**
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 24 **Resolution 08.3.10a To Define the Role of Deacons in the Synodical Handbook**
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 26 Ref: Overture 3.12
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 28 WHEREAS the statutory bylaws define a member as a “congregation, pastor or deacon” (section
 29 1.01); and
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 31 WHEREAS the Synodical Bylaws nowhere explains the rationale for the role of deacons in
 32 Synodical and District Structure and why they are not permitted to serve in some
 33 elected or appointed positions (Examples: 2.101 does not permit a deacon to serve on
 34 the Commission on Constitutional Matters and Structure (“CCMS”); 2.105 does not
 35 permit a deacon be elected to the Commission on Theology and Church Relations
 36 (“CTCR”) but a lay female may, though the Synodical President may appoint one
 37 additional “member”; 2.231 does not permit a deacon to serve the Board of Managers
 38 of the Workers Benefit Plan); and
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 40 WHEREAS the East District is seeking ways to increase the involvement of deacons in its
 41 structure; and
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 43 WHEREAS the Synodical Handbook forms part of the handbooks of all the Districts and, as such
 44 any inconsistency between a District handbook and the Synodical Handbook may be
 45 subject to challenge; therefore be it
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 47 RESOLVED The CCMS are here by directed to bring to the next convention amendments to the
 48 Synodical Bylaws which include deacons in Bylaws 2.101, 2.105 and 2.231; and be it
 49 finally
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- 1 RESOLVED The CCMS, in consultation with the CTCR, provide a report to the next convention
2 with respect to the role of deacons in the Synodical and District structure along with
3 recommendations for potential amendments to the Synodical Handbook arising from
4 this study.
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- 6 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 6**
7 **Resolution 08.3.11 To Decline Overture 3.10 (“To Allow for More Effective Representation**
8 **of Deacons at Synodical Conventions”)**
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- 10 Ref: Overture 3.10, Constitution of Lutheran Church–Canada, Article VIII and Synodical
11 Bylaws ss. 1.19, 2.03, 2.05 and 2.09
12
- 13 WHEREAS voting representation at the Synod Convention is based upon each Circuit having
14 representation rather than individuals or congregations being represented; and
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- 16 WHEREAS from inception, the Synod and, since 1846, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod,
17 has made representation by congregation or circuit, rather than representation by the
18 office of Pastor, the basis for representation at conventions; and
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- 20 WHEREAS accepting this overture would require significant changes to the synodical constitution
21 and bylaws with regard to such representation; therefore be it
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- 23 RESOLVED that Overture 3.10 be respectfully declined.
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- 25 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 6**
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- 27 **Resolution 08.3.12 To Decline Overture 3.07 (“To Permit Emeritus Pastors Serving as**
28 **Vacancy Pastors to Serve as Delegates”)**
29
- 30 Ref: Overture 3.07
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- 32 WHEREAS vacancy services are, by their very nature, temporary and, as such, it is possible that
33 an individual may no longer be serving the vacancy at the time of or after convention;
34 and
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- 36 WHEREAS congregations who are currently in a long term vacancy situation and are being served
37 by a Pastor Emeritus should be urged to consider extending a call with modified
38 service to such pastor; therefore be it
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- 40 RESOLVED that Overture 3.07 be respectfully declined.
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- 42 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 6**
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- 44 **Resolution 08.4.01 To Receive Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Salmon Arm**
45 **British Columbia into Membership in Lutheran Church–Canada**
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- 47 Ref. Late Overture 4.08
48
- 49 WHEREAS the congregation of Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, Salmon Arm, British
50 Columbia has applied for membership in Lutheran Church–Canada; and

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2 WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, Salmon
3 Arm, British Columbia have been examined by the Constitutions Committee of the
4 Alberta-British Columbia District and approved by the Board of Directors of Lutheran
5 Church–Canada, ABC District; therefore be it
6
7 RESOLVED that Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, Salmon Arm, British Columbia be
8 joyfully received as a member of Lutheran Church–Canada.
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10 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 1**
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12 **Resolution 08.4.02 To Decline Overture 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03 in regard to Synodical Website**
13
14 Ref: Overture 4.01, 4.02, 4.03 and Report 7 workbook E20
15
16 WHEREAS LCC Resolution 99.2.09 resolved that LCC expand its use of the Internet as a means
17 of communication, resource, distribution and mission outreach is in the ongoing
18 process of being implemented by Synod communication staff; and
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20 WHEREAS the Internet is already a major component of the LCC communication strategy; and
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22 WHEREAS as part of this strategy the communication staff are preparing to launch a service that
23 will provide templates for congregational websites and to provide web hosting along
24 with other features; and
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26 WHEREAS communication staff are in discussion with districts regarding web presence and
27 integration; and
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29 WHEREAS referring to Report 7 page E20, the Synod Board of Directors has approved in
30 principal the addition of, and costs for a staff person to continue developing this area;
31 therefore be it
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33 RESOLVED we respectfully decline overture 4.01, 4.02 and 4.03; and, be it finally
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35 RESOLVED that we commend the Synod communication staff for their work in this area and
36 encourage them in their ongoing implementation of resolution 99.2.09.
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38 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**
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40 **Resolution 08.4.03 To Celebrate the Silver Anniversary of LCC Founding in 2013**
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42 Ref: Overture 4.06
43
44 WHEREAS by the grace of God, Lutheran Church–Canada will celebrate the 25th anniversary of
45 its founding in 1988 and the beginning of its ministry in 1989; and
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47 WHEREAS the body of Christ draws great benefit from gathering together as a unified people of
48 God; and
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50 WHEREAS the church has not had the opportunity to gather nationally since the founding

- 1 convention in 1988; and
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- 3 WHEREAS such gatherings can inspire and educate the people of Christ's body and provide
4 encouragement to proclaim the Gospel; therefore be it
5
- 6 RESOLVED that in the summer of 2013, Lutheran Church–Canada hold a self-supporting national
7 convocation, funded by participants, in which all members of LCC congregations,
8 church workers and guests be encouraged to attend; and be it further
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- 10 RESOLVED that this convocation be for the purpose of giving thanks to God and focus on
11 outreach; and, be it finally
12
- 13 RESOLVED that this convocation be held in conjunction with the National Youth Gathering
14 scheduled for that year thereby enabling the best stewardship of all resources.
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- 16 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**
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- 18 **Resolution 08.4.04 To Encourage the Amalgamation of Lutheran Church–Canada Central**
19 **District Church Extension Fund with Lutheran Church–Canada**
20 **Financial Ministries**
21
- 22 Ref Overture 4.07; Central District Resolution 2000-04-07; LCC Resolution 02.4.05
23
- 24 WHEREAS both Lutheran Church–Canada and Lutheran Church–Canada Central District in
25 convention encouraged the amalgamation of the Central District's Church Extension
26 and Lutheran Foundation with Lutheran Church–Canada Financial Ministries; and
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- 28 WHEREAS the Lutheran Foundation of the Central District was amalgamated with LCCFM on the
29 effective date of January 1, 2004; therefore be it
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- 31 RESOLVED that the Central District and LCCFM be encouraged to move forward with negotiating
32 appropriate guidelines for amalgamating the Central District's Church Extension into
33 LCCFM.
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- 35 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**
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- 37 **Resolution 08.4.05 To Receive the Three Year Work Program – Years Ending January 31,**
38 **2009, January 31, 2010 and January 31, 2011**
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- 40 Ref: Report 3 (workbook page E9 & E10)
41
- 42 WHEREAS the treasurer and Board of Directors of Lutheran-Church–Canada have prepared a
43 proposed work program for the years 2009-2011; and
44
- 45 WHEREAS this work program can only be implemented by the cooperation and action of
46 congregations, districts, and the solicitation and receipt of necessary funds; therefore
47 be it
48
- 49 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada assembled in Convention receive this work program for
50 information, study and action by the Board of Directors.

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2 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 3**
3 **Resolution 08.4.06 To Decline Overture 4.04 (“To Provide Equality in Pastoral Salaries and**
4 **Remuneration”)**
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6 Ref: Overture 4.04
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8 WHEREAS the current pastoral remuneration structure was developed over many years to
9 acknowledge experience and responsibility in the pastoral office; and
10
11 WHEREAS we acknowledge that the concerns raised by the overture may be issues in our church
12 today and no earthly system is perfect: and
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14 WHEREAS a task force to gather information and make recommendations would be costly with
15 the possibility of no further action; therefore be it
16
17 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline Overture 4.04.
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19 **ACTION: Adopted as Amended, Session 6**
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21 **Resolution 08.4.07 To Decline Overture 4.05 (“To Establish A Synod Wide Moving Fund”)**
22
23 Ref: Overture 4.05
24
25 WHEREAS each District is unique and best understands its own geographic limitations and
26 opportunities; and
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28 WHEREAS the Districts have the responsibility to support their church workers: and
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30 WHEREAS the East District voluntary district-wide moving strategy is a helpful model to follow;
31 therefore be it
32
33 RESOLVED that we respectfully decline overture 4.05; and, finally be it
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35 RESOLVED that each District be encouraged to provide a district-wide moving fund.
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37 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 6**
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40 **Resolution 08.4.08 To Give Thanks to God for the Leadership of Dr. Ralph Mayan**
41
42 Ref. Overture 4.09
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44 WHEREAS Dr. Ralph Mayan is joyfully received as a gift bestowed by the exalted Lord on His
45 church for her good (Eph. 4: 8, 11); and
46 WHEREAS our Lord has worked in and through Dr. Mayan to give exceptional leadership to
47 Lutheran Church–Canada as she has grown into her role in Canadian and worldwide
48 Lutheranism; and
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50 WHEREAS Dr. Mayan has given unselfishly of his time and energy in fulfilling his duties; and

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2 WHEREAS Dr. Mayan is retiring after serving four terms as president of Lutheran Church–
3 Canada; therefore be it
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- 5 RESOLVED that Lutheran Church–Canada give thanks to God for the rich blessings poured out
6 upon this church body through the leadership of Dr. Ralph Mayan as pastor and
7 president; and commend Dr. Mayan to the Lord’s continued blessing and direction;
8 and, be it finally
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- 10 RESOLVED that Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan receive the official designation President Emeritus.
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- 12 **ACTION: Adopted, Session 5**
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- 14 **Resolution 08.4.09 To Receive Église Luthérienne de l’Ascension, Montréal, Quebec into**
15 **Membership in Lutheran Church–Canada**
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- 17 WHEREAS the congregation of Église Luthérienne de l’Ascension, Montréal, Quebec, has applied
18 for membership in Lutheran Church–Canada; and
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- 20 WHEREAS the constitution and bylaws of Église Luthérienne de l’Ascension, Montréal, Quebec
21 have been examined by the East District’s Committee on Constitutions and
22 Membership and approved by the Board of Directors of Lutheran Church–Canada,
23 East District (March 5, 2007); therefore be it
24
- 25 RESOLVED that Église Luthérienne de l’Ascension, Montréal, Quebec be joyfully received as a
26 member of Lutheran Church–Canada.
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- 28 **Action: Adopted, Session 1**
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