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3 Committee 1
4 Res. (1-01)
5 Ref. CM p. 22
6 President's Report Part I
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8 RE: TO DIRECT THE EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT AND ITS
9 CONGREGATIONS TOWARD THE AGGRESSIVE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF MISSION ABLAZE.

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12 WHEREAS, the future God has planned includes the light of His renewal in Christ
13 reaching all nations through His Church, (Isaiah 49:6); AND
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15 WHEREAS, Jesus, the light of the world, set ablaze the hearts of His disciples when He
16 opened to them the message of the Scriptures and revealed Himself to them
17 as the risen Christ; (Luke 24:27-35), AND
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19 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Department of World Mission, has
20 developed a bold initiative called Mission Ablaze developed with the hope
21 of reaching 100 million people with the message of the Gospel by 2017,
22 (the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation); AND
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24 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in convention, July 2004, embraced
25 the Mission Ablaze Initiative by adopting goals and strategies related to
26 implementing the Mission Ablaze effort and by encouraging Districts and
27 congregations to do the same (Resolution 1-05A, Synod Convention
28 Proceedings, 2004); THEREFORE, BE IT
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30 RESOLVED, that delegates in convention give full support to this national and
31 internationally mission effort; AND BE IT FURTHER
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33 RESOLVED, that the 67th Convention of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District express
34 gratitude to God and full support for the initial steps by District leadership
35 in visioning and actuating the vision of Mission Ablaze within the CNH
36 District; AND BE IT FINALLY
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38 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District establish
39 new and creative ways to initiate Ablaze ventures within their
40 congregation's unique mission context.
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42 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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45 Committee 1
46 Res. (1-02)
47 Ref. CM pages 19-20, 22
48 President's Report, Part I
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51 RE: TO EQUIP AND RELEASE FAITHFUL LAY PEOPLE TO DEVELOP,
52 LEAD AND MULTIPLY "FAITH COMMUNITIES"

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18 implementing the Mission Ablaze effort and by encouraging Districts and
19 congregations to do the same (Resolution 1-05A, Synod Convention
20 Proceedings, 2004); THEREFORE, BE IT

21
22 RESOLVED, that delegates in convention declare the California Nevada Hawaii District
23 to be an outreach church in an unchurched society, that is, in a society
24 where the church no longer holds significant cultural meaning or value;
25 AND BE IT FURTHER

26
27 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the CNH District will, without reservation,
28 confess our Christ-centered faith not only in the Christian church, but also
29 in the arenas of other religions and religious pluralism; AND BE IT
30 FINALLY

31
32 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the CNH District will shift from ministry roles of
33 clergy and laity commonly associated with the churched environment to
34 roles commonly associated with a mission field context where clergy equip
35 and release faithful lay people to develop, lead and multiply "faith
36 communities" (small groups of committed Christians).

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38 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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41 Committee 1
42 Res. (1-03)
43 Ref. CM p. 94
44 Overture #5

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46 RE: TO ENDORSE THE REGIONAL MISSION ACTION COUNCILS

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48 WHEREAS, the Body of Christ is called to connect people to Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20
49 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name
50 of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,) and to send workers
51 aggressively into the harvest field (Matthew 9:37-38 "The harvest is
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3 plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to
4 send out workers into his harvest field."); AND

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6 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has established Ablaze! as a world-
7 wide effort to connect 100 Million people to Jesus by the 500th Anniversary
8 of the Lutheran Reformation in 2017; AND

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10 WHEREAS, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District is aggressively seeking to fulfill the
11 Great Commission and the Ablaze challenge by establishing as many new
12 missions as possible; AND

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14 WHEREAS, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District has restructured its mission planting
15 to grow out of a “grass roots” effort that reflects the unique needs and
16 regions of the District; AND

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18 WHEREAS, the creation of regional Mission Action Councils (MAC) has helped bring
19 mission planning and funding to the people of the District so they can take
20 greater ownership in missions; THEREFORE BE IT

21
22 RESOLVED, that the District in convention commend its President, Rev. Dr. Robert
23 Newton, for his leadership in calling us to give a higher priority to missions
24 in the District, challenging us to create the regional Mission Action
25 Councils; AND BE IT FURTHER

26
27 RESOLVED, that we endorse the new Mission Action Council arrangement as an
28 effective method of empowering grass roots missions; AND BE IT
29 FINALLY

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31 RESOLVED, that congregations and circuits of the CNH District, in partnership with
32 regional MACs, fulfill their mission responsibility by establishing and
33 funding new faith communities to uniquely connect the Gospel of Jesus
34 Christ to their local context.

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36 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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40 Committee 1
41 Res. (1-04)
42 Ref. CM pgs. 94, 97
43 Overture #5 & #9

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45 RE: TO APPOINT A STANDING TASK FORCE FOR MISSION
46 AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING

47
48 WHEREAS, “Reformation – Faith for the Next Generation,” the special mission offering
49 to which the congregations of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District were
50 invited to participate in the Fall of 2005 gave people an opportunity to
51 invest in harvest ministry beyond the doors of their own congregations;
52 AND

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3 WHEREAS, it often takes time to build momentum in the introduction of new ways of
4 financing the mission; AND

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6 WHEREAS, the effort did generate new money for new and promising outreach
7 ministries; THEREFORE, BE IT

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9 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, in convention, direct the
10 District President to appoint a standing task force to ensure mission
11 awareness and on-going fundraising efforts begun through "Reformation -
12 Faith for the Next Generation;" AND BE IT FINALLY

13
14 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District participate
15 both in mission awareness and fundraising for the sake of the lost.

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17 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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20 Committee 1
21 Res. (1-05)
22 Ref. CM p. 42
23 Northern Mission Action Council Report

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25 Title: TO ESTABLISH CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PRAYER COORDINATORS

26
27 WHEREAS, the Northern Region Mission Action Council has the vision of creating a
28 Prayer Network for the support of the mission work occurring in its region
29 through Congregational Mission Prayer Coordinators; AND

30 WHEREAS, a network of Congregational Mission Prayer Coordinators will greatly
31 benefit all the Regional Mission Action Councils; AND

32 WHEREAS, the Congregation Mission Prayer Coordinators would serve as liaisons
33 between the Regional Mission Action Councils and their congregational
34 members, providing mission information, resources and ideas to their
35 church, guiding powerful and effective prayer in the support of their
36 region's mission work; THEREFORE BE IT

37 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District direct the Regional Mission
38 Action Councils to establish a network of Congregational Mission Prayer
39 Coordinators who will provide effective missional communication and
40 dedicated prayer within their congregations in support of regional missions.

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42 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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2 Committee 1
3 Res. (1-06)
4 Ref. CM p. 19
5 President's Report, Part I
6 Ref. CM Supplement p. 123
7 Overture #16
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9 RE: TO NETWORK CONGREGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING
10 MISSIONAL BRIDGES TO UNCHURCHED COMMUNITIES
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12 WHEREAS, the membership of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District has declined over
13 the last decade from a baptized membership of 61,000 to 56,000 and a
14 confirmed membership of 45,000 to under 41,000, AND

15 WHEREAS, these statistics do not reflect the evangelical nature of the California-
16 Nevada-Hawaii District or the genuine desire of Lutheran Christians to
17 share the Gospel with those who are not Christian, AND

18 WHEREAS, many of the natural "bridges" that once brought unchurched people to our
19 churches have disappeared and congregations and church leaders are unsure
20 how to build new missional bridges from our churches into our changing
21 communities, AND

22 WHEREAS, many congregations of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District would
23 benefit from studying District congregations that have successfully built
24 effective missional bridges into communities similar to their own, AND

25 WHEREAS, there are many congregations within the California-Nevada-Hawaii District
26 that have created missional bridges that are effective in connecting people
27 in their unique context; THEREFORE BE IT

28 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District direct the Regional Mission
29 Counselors to identify and network congregations that have successfully
30 built missional bridges into the community with congregations in a similar
31 mission context so that those congregations can learn from others and
32 develop their own bridges, taking intentional steps to reach their
33 unchurched communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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35 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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38 Committee 1
39 Res. (1-07)
40 Ref. CM pages 19, 21
41 President's Report Part I
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43 RE: TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR LAY PEOPLE TO SERVE IN
44 CONGREGATIONAL STAFF POSITIONS
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46 WHEREAS, the Word of God and the heritage of the Lutheran Reformation has clearly
47 established the Priesthood of all Believers as critical to the function and life
48 of the Body of Christ; AND

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3 WHEREAS, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has a long history of providing
4 quality education for those who serve the church; AND

5 WHEREAS, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District is a vast and complicated mission
6 field that requires uniquely trained workers who live in and understand
7 their ministry context; AND

8 WHEREAS, the expense of bringing Synodically trained and rostered workers into
9 District congregations, who do not always understand the unique context of
10 our missional context, continues to escalate; AND

11 WHEREAS, the Lord of the Church has placed many lay people within the
12 congregations of the District who are uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit to
13 become pastors while starting new faith communities, as well as serving in
14 key ministry roles under the leadership of ordained and non-ordained
15 rostered workers, to effectively connect people to Jesus; THEREFORE BE
16 IT

17 RESOLVED, that the congregations of California-Nevada-Hawaii District be encouraged
18 to look within their congregations for gifted lay people who can serve the
19 church in volunteer staff and paid staff positions; AND BE IT FURTHER

20 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District convention affirm its current
21 partnership with the Northwest District, Pacific Southwest District, and
22 Synod’s Board for Mission Services in the development of missionally
23 based theological education for contextually placed laity and pastors; AND
24 BE IT FURTHER

25 RESOLVED, that the congregations of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District make use
26 of the lay leadership training program available through Concordia
27 University, Portland’s “Leadership Advancement Process” (LAP) and other
28 training programs as they become available; AND BE IT FINALLY

29 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District make intentional use of the
30 various ministry training programs as effective methods to equip and
31 release the Priesthood of Believers to start new faith communities and
32 expand the ministries of existing congregations.

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34 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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37 Committee 1
38 Res. (1-08)
39 Ref. CM Supplement p.121, 122.
40 Overture #14
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42 RE: TO DEVELOP A MISSIONAL SEMINARY ON THE WEST COAST
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44 WHEREAS, in the history of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, pastors and
45 missionaries have been prepared in a variety of theological training
46 programs; AND

47 WHEREAS, these programs developed as needs arose; AND

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3 WHEREAS, our two residential seminaries have served our Synod faithfully in
4 preparing men primarily in a church-centered environment for ministry in
5 church-centered contexts; AND

6 WHEREAS, the California-Nevada-Hawaii District represents a vast mission field
7 comprised of many people groups completely disconnected from those
8 church-centered contexts; AND

9 WHEREAS, missionaries need to be identified and theologically prepared to minister to
10 these unchurched groups; AND

11 WHEREAS, such theological preparation for missionaries will best take place in an in-
12 ministry, mission field, non-residential environment, with specific focus on
13 missional outreach to unchurched peoples; AND

14 WHEREAS, the Concordia Universities at Portland, Irvine and St. Paul have piloted
15 excellent missionary training programs: a non-residential training program
16 for mission work in Alaska, a Masters program in urban missions for the
17 Pacific Southwest District, and a Masters program in Christian outreach
18 respectively; THEREFORE BE IT

19 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District develop a Missional Seminary
20 for the preparation of pastors and missionaries for service in the California-
21 Nevada-Hawaii District, AND BE IT FURTHER

22 RESOLVED, that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District respectively request our
23 seminaries and Concordia Universities at Portland, Irvine and St. Paul to
24 assist the District where possible in the development of this seminary; AND
25 BE IT FINALLY

26 RESOLVED, that the West Cost Missional Seminary be operational by the time of the
27 California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention in 2009.
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30 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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33 Committee #2
34 Res. (2-01)
35 Ref. CM p. 21
36 President's Report, Part I
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39 RE: TO ENCOURAGE COLLOQUY FOR EDUCATORS AND OTHER
40 PROFESSIONAL CHURCH WORKERS
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42 WHEREAS, one of the objectives of The Synod is "to recruit and train pastors, teachers
43 and other professional church workers" (Article III 3); AND
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45 WHEREAS, the number of teacher candidates graduating from the campuses of the
46 Concordia University System have been far less than the number of
47 educators needed in our Lutheran Schools; (Nearly 2/3 of the educators

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3 serving in ministries from early childhood through high school haven't had
4 formal education in Lutheran theology through one of the Synod schools);
5 AND

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7 WHEREAS, having pastors, teachers, and other church professional that understand and
8 are committed to Lutheran doctrine is essential to passing on the faith to the
9 next generation; AND

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11 WHEREAS, the Synod has created a Teacher Colloquy Program, including studies in the
12 Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions and the doctrine and practice of The
13 Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, to prepare non-Synod trained teachers
14 for Synod certification, AND

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16 WHEREAS, the Concordia University System is working at making it possible for non-
17 Synod trained teachers to work toward completion of the Colloquy program
18 online through CUEnet or through another program, AND

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20 WHEREAS, the 2004 Convention of the Synod resolved to encourage congregations to
21 require “non-Synod certified early childhood, elementary, junior high
22 school, and high school teachers who are members of a congregation of the
23 LCMS and who have completed a baccalaureate degree to finish the
24 Teacher Colloquy of the Synod even if these teachers subsequently choose
25 not to be listed on the roster of the Synod”; THEREFORE, BE IT

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27 RESOLVED, that the CNH District support the responsibility of the total Synod by
28 encouraging congregations to strive to enroll non-Synod trained teachers in
29 CUEnet or another program; AND BE IT FURTHER

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31 RESOLVED, that congregations and associations of congregations, be encouraged to
32 encouraged to provide financial support to enable these teachers to enroll in
33 CUEnet or another program that leads to colloquy; AND BE IT FURTHER

34
35 RESOLVED, that the Synod’s Board For Higher Education continue to develop
36 accessible and affordable ways to teach Lutheran theology to non-rostered
37 teachers and other ministry professionals, AND BE IT FINALLY

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39 RESOLVED, that teachers and other ministry professionals who complete a colloquy
40 program be given public recognition for their work and commitment to the
41 ministry of the Church.

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43 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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46 Committee #2
47 Res. (2-02)
48 Ref. CM p. 92
49 Overture #2

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51 RE: TO DECLINE OVERTURE TWO (Regarding Communion Practices)

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3 WHEREAS, the issue of pastoral and faithful communion practices continues to be
4 addressed by the Synod at large AND

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6 WHEREAS, the CNH district addressed this issue at the 2003 Convention, resolution 3-
7 01, AND

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9 WHEREAS, new challenges in ministry continue to be raised and will cause us to
10 continue to search for healthy pastoral practices, THEREFORE BE IT

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12 RESOLVED, that the CNH District in convention respectfully decline Overture 2: To
13 Require Supervision and Discipline in Practice of Close(d) Communion.

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16 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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19 Committee #2
20 Res. (2-03)
21 Ref. CM, 93
22 Overture #3
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24 RE: TO ENCOURAGE FAITHFUL ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

25
26 WHEREAS, the Lord’s Supper expresses the deep union we have with God and with
27 each other, given through Christ’s body and blood, (1 Corinthians 10:16-
28 17); AND

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30 WHEREAS, we seek to maintain a clear confession of faith and doctrine to maintain the
31 unity of the church; AND

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33 WHEREAS, we continue to do ministry in a post-Christian, highly transient; AND

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35 WHEREAS, it is the desire of our district to establish faith communities in order to
36 enlarge the kingdom of God and bring the message of Christ to our
37 communities in broader ways, raising the issue of how to faithfully
38 administer the Lord’s Supper in this new setting; AND

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40 WHEREAS, the LCMS Ablaze movement and its use of small group ministry could
41 raise similar issues; THEREFORE BE IT

42
43 RESOLVED, that the CNH District encourage its president and circuit counselors to work
44 diligently with pastors and congregations to develop practical ways of
45 faithfully administering the Lord’s Supper, and to carry out their
46 responsibilities of supervision; AND BE IT FINALLY

47
48 RESOLVED, that the LCMS in convention direct its President and Board for Mission
49 Services to develop resources to assist pastors and congregations in
50 developing practical ways of faithfully administering the Lord’s Supper.

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52 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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3 Committee #2
4 Res. (2-04)
5 Ref CM, 91
6 Overture #1
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8 RE: TO AFFIRM SYNODICAL RESOLUTION 2-04, TO AFFIRM RESPONSIBLE
9 USE OF FREEDOM IN WORSHIP

10
11 WHEREAS, the synod thoroughly addressed the issue of the responsible use of freedom
12 in worship at its most recent convention (2004); AND

13
14 WHEREAS, the synod through the Commission on Worship and Center for United
15 States Missions continues to address the needs of congregations on this
16 matter; THEREFORE BE IT

17
18 RESOLVED, that the CNH district affirm Synodical resolution 2-04, To Affirm
19 Responsible Use of Freedom in Worship

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21 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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24 Committee #2
25 Res. (2-05)
26 Ref CM, p. 94
27 Overture #4
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29 RE: TO DECLINE TO MEMORIALIZE SYNOD TO REQUIRE THE CTCR TO
30 REWRITE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC EVENTS

31
32 WHEREAS, extensive time and study by the Commission on Theology and Church
33 Relations (CTCR) went into the “Guidelines for Participation in Civic
34 Event.”; AND

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36 WHEREAS, the Synod in convention addressed and commended these guidelines for
37 study by congregations; THEREFORE BE IT

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39 RESOLVED, that Overture 4 be respectfully declined; AND BE IT FURTHER

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41 RESOLVED, that congregations needing clarification address their questions to the
42 CTCR directly.

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45 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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3 Committee #2
4 Res. (2-06)
5 Ref. CM p. 93
6 Overture #3
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8 RE: TO DECLINE MEMORIAL TO SYNOD IN CONVENTION TO OVERRULE
9 CCM OPINIONS 02-2296 AND 02-2309

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11 WHEREAS, the Missouri District submitted to the 2004 LCMS Convention a resolution
12 addressed to a similar issue; AND

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14 WHEREAS, a congregation can submit a resolution directly to the Synodical Convention
15 (Bylaw 3.1.6.2); AND

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17 WHEREAS, Committee #2 believes that the CCM did its job as required by the
18 Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod, THEREFORE BE IT

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20 RESOLVED, that we respectfully decline Overture 3.

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22 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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25 Committee #3
26 Res. (3-01)
27 Ref. CM Supplement p.
28 Overture #13
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31 RE: TO DEFINE AND DEVELOP A FULL TIME POSITION OF A DISTRICT
32 MISSION COUNSELOR FOR YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

33
34 WHEREAS, the CNH District has an active Lutheran Youth Fellowship
35 Board (LYFB) that is working toward including all congregations of the
36 CNH District for leadership training and resources; AND

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38 WHEREAS, within the CNH District's congregations there are Pastors,
39 Directors of Christian Education, and Youth Workers who would benefit
40 from support and leadership in challenging areas of youth ministry; AND

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42 WHEREAS, the Great Commission challenges the Church to train and equip its youth
43 for discipleship and leadership in ministry; AND

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45 WHEREAS, the lack of continuing spiritual growth among far too many of our youth
46 through regular worship and Christian fellowship following Confirmation
47 is a cause for grave concern; THEREFORE BE IT

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49 RESOLVED, the CNH District President in conjunction with the LYFB consult with
50 other Districts in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to define the job
51 description and develop creative ways to fund the full time position of

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4 Mission Counselor for Youth Discipleship and report back to the District
5 Board of Directors for action no later than mid-2007.
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8 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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11 Committee #3
12 Res. (3-02)
13 Ref. CM Supplement p. 125
14 Overture #19
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16 RE: TO HOLD HEALTH MINISTRY CONVOCATIONS IN THE DESIGNATED
17 REGIONS OF THE CNH DISTRICT IN 2007
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19 WHEREAS, the mission of the Church, as exemplified by the life and ministry of Jesus,
20 is to all people as whole persons (body, mind and spirit); AND
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22 WHEREAS, the physical and emotional/mental needs and well-being of people merit the
23 attention of our congregations, along with the tremendous importance of
24 the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ; AND
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26 WHEREAS, there is a disparity among our District congregations as to those who are
27 providing, or not providing, a whole person ministry to its members and
28 community friends, i.e., congregations that have health ministry programs
29 of differing degrees and those congregations who have not yet participated
30 in some intentional health ministry activities; AND
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32 WHEREAS, our District Human Care Committee, Lutheran Social Services of Northern
33 California and designated members of our District, who have backgrounds
34 in allied health fields, stand ready to assist our District congregations in
35 establishing various aspects of Health Ministry activities; THEREFORE
36 BE IT
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38 RESOLVED, that our District President and our District’s Human Care Committee co-
39 sponsor day-long (or longer) Health Ministries Convocations in the
40 designated regions of our District in 2007. Topics may include “Looking at
41 Your Congregation as a Healing Community”, “How to Start/Expand a
42 Health Ministry/Faith Community Nurse Program in Your Congregation”,
43 “Older Adult Ministries”, “Addressing Inter-generational Interests and
44 Concerns”, “Homelessness and Housing: a Health Issue”, “Encouraging
45 Advance Care Planning and End-of-Life Decision-making/Care in Your
46 Congregation”, “Creating a ‘Welcoming Place’ for the Physically
47 Challenged”, “Health Ministry Programs as an Evangelistic Tool for the
48 Congregation and Community”, “Bringing God’s Hope and Healing Grace
49 to Those Whose Lives have been Touched by Serious Mental Illness,” etc.
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51 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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3 Committee #3
4 Res.(3-03)

5 Ref. CM Supplement p. 124
6 Overture #18

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8 RE: TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING MINISTRIES OF LUTHERAN SOCIAL
9 SERVICES OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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11 WHEREAS, homelessness remains a significant problem in our society today, either
12 through individual or family inability to sustain housing or through natural
13 disaster; AND

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15 WHEREAS, Jesus impresses upon us to care for those who are homeless and without
16 adequate provisions for health and well-being (Matthew 25:35-36), “I was a
17 stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me;”
18 (TEV); AND

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20 WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California has had a lengthy and most
21 successful history in the Bay Area, Sacramento, and more recently in
22 Stockton of providing transitional housing and a variety of supportive
23 services to individuals, families, persons with HIV/AIDS and emancipated
24 foster youth; AND

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26 WHEREAS, our District LWML, meeting in Convention in Sacramento on April 28-30,
27 2006, has designated the LSS-sponsored Saybrook Permanent Housing
28 Program (a Sacramento-based comprehensive and integrated permanent
29 support housing program to homeless families in which at least one adult
30 has a disability) to be a recipient of ingathering items; THEREFORE BE IT

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32 RESOLVED, that we support the housing programs of Lutheran Social Services of
33 Northern California through our prayers, contributions, donated goods
34 (quilts, layettes, personal hygiene items, etc.) and volunteer activities on
35 their behalf.

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37 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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40 Committee #3
41 Res. (3-04)
42 Ref. CM, pp. 95-96
43 Overture #6

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45 RE: TO COMMEND THE REFOCUS PROCESS IN CNH DISTRICT
46 CONGREGATIONS

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48 WHEREAS, Christ intends that his disciples should be “full of life” through their faith-
49 union with him, as well as capable as healthy vines of “producing the fruits
50 of that life” for the benefit of others (John 15:1-8); AND

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3 WHEREAS, changing times, declining attendance, and limited financial resources have
4 caused many frustrations for church leaders and tempted them to lose hope
5 in ministry; AND

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7 WHEREAS, church leaders, both lay, clergy, and commissioned, need opportunities for
8 refreshment, reflection, and renewal in faith, service and witness; AND

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10 WHEREAS, many pastors, church leaders and congregations are discovering the value
11 of a 3-year Refocusing process that works toward improved personal and
12 congregational spiritual health; AND

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14 WHEREAS, the goal of “Refocus” in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District is to help
15 congregations become healthy enough to effectively carry out the Lord’s
16 mission; AND

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18 WHEREAS, many circuits are now beginning to use Refocus materials in their “Winkel”
19 conferences for pastoral and personal growth, and for raising up renewed
20 leadership in the congregations of the circuit; THEREFORE BE IT

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22 RESOLVED, that we commend the pastors and congregations that have begun and
23 completed the Refocusing process; AND BE IT FURTHER

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25 RESOLVED, that we thank God for the California-Nevada-Hawaii District trained
26 facilitators of Refocus; AND BE IT FURTHER

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28 RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage all of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District
29 congregations to learn about and become involved with the Refocus
30 process; AND BE IT FINALLY

31
32 RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage all the Circuit “Winkel” conferences to consider
33 making the Refocus process a part of their ministries for mutual support in
34 the immediate future.

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36 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Recommended Amended

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39 Committee #4
40 Res. (4-01)
41 Ref. CM p 98-117
42 Overture #10
43

44 RE: TO ADOPT BYLAW REVISIONS

45
46 WHEREAS, the CNH District has operated under the current Bylaws for nine years, and during
47 that time has made only a few minor revisions; AND

48
49 WHEREAS, during these years the Board of Directors has moved toward a style of “Policy
50 Based Governance”; AND

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3 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has recommended the following revisions to reflect this
4 model of governance, and to more clearly define the respective authorities and
5 responsibilities of the Board and District President; THEREFORE BE IT
6

7 RESOLVED, that the following revisions to the bylaws be adopted.

8
9 ACTION: ____Adopted ____Defeated ____Recommitted ____Amended
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11 12 **BYLAW REVISIONS**

13 [N.B. Words removed indicated by ~~striketrough~~—words added by italics—words in the
14 original document that were already italicized indicated by **bold italics**.]
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16 **ARTICLE I**

17 **MISSION STATEMENT**

18
19 The mission of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District is to challenge and assist
20 congregations in their proclamation of the Gospel and ministry to all people.
21

22 **ARTICLE II**

23 **RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYNOD**

24
25 The Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are also the
26 Constitution and Bylaws of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the same. ~~These~~
27 ~~Bylaws of the Synod and also~~ *Both the Bylaws of the Synod and* those of the District serve
28 the Gospel mission and ministry of the Lord.
29

30 **ARTICLE III**

31 **STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT**

32 33 **III.A. The Board of Directors**

34
35 1. The District Board of Directors shall be comprised of eight members: The First Vice
36 President of the District, who shall serve as Chair of the Board, three Regional Vice
37 Presidents, three Regional Directors, and one Director-Commissioned Minister. The Board
38 will conduct regular meetings at least quarterly. The Board may also meet at other times
39 for purposes consistent with the Bylaws at the call of the District President, the First Vice
40 President, or any three members of the Board of Directors. Four members of the Board of
41 Directors shall constitute a quorum. In the event of the absence of the First Vice President,
42 the quorum present shall elect a regional Vice President to serve as Chair Pro Tem. (The
43 District President, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, the Committee Chairs
44 noted in Article IV, and the Church Extension Fund Chairperson shall attend all regular
45 meetings of the Board of Directors).
46

47 2. Subject to limitations set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the
48 **Handbook** of the Synod, and the statutes of the various states in which the District
49 operates, all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of
50 Directors.
51

52 3. The District Board of Directors shall:

2
3 a. As a primary function, generate and adopt ~~policy guidelines~~ *declarations of desired*
4 *outcomes* which will give long-term direction to the District and its *President*, staff and
5 committees.

6
7 b. *In addition to generating and adopting declarations of desired outcomes, address*
8 *broad levels of issues in policies of purpose and governance or constraint, leaving lesser*
9 *levels to the discretion of the District President.*

10
11 c. Through the District Committees and the professional staff personnel coordinate
12 the work of the District in accordance with the District Mission Statement, the Bylaws of
13 the Synod, the Bylaws of the District, and the District Convention Resolutions. *Through*
14 *the District President, and he through his staff and the District Committees, coordinate the*
15 *work of the District in accordance with the District Mission Statement, the Bylaws of the*
16 *Synod, the Bylaws of the District, the District Convention Resolutions, and the*
17 *declarations of desired outcomes.*

18
19 d. *Except for assignments of its own work (policies) to committees, consultants, or*
20 *officers, delegate authority only to the District President.*

21
22 e. *Provide for an annual audit of the records of the District in such manner directed*
23 *by the Synod and in accordance with its own policies.*

24
25 f. *Provide for and oversee the bonding of all District fiscal officers and employees*
26 *entrusted with the receiving and disbursing of funds, such bonds to be provided by a*
27 *licenses bonding agency at District expense.*

28
29 g. Be empowered to review all activities of the District and its committees, and make
30 binding decisions affecting them. This review may include, but is not limited to, the
31 leadership, membership, purpose, or functions of any activity or Committee.

32
33 h. ~~In consultation with the District President, ratify~~ Approve or disapprove the annual
34 District Budget *which the District President shall present.*

35
36 i. ~~Be authorized to Call professional church workers on behalf of the District. The~~
37 ~~decision to create or abolish the Called position shall not be delegated. After a decision to~~
38 ~~Call has been made by the Board of Directors, the document and administrative details~~
39 ~~relating to the Call may be delegated to the District President. Be the authority to create~~
40 ~~and abolish Called positions and act as the Calling body on behalf of the District. The~~
41 ~~administrative details, including preparation of Call documents, may be delegated to the~~
42 ~~District President.~~

43
44 j. Respond in a timely manner to any formal concern addressed to it by *the President,*
45 *Board members, committees authorized by the Bylaws or the Board, any* Circuit Forums,
46 Circuit Pastors' Conferences, or Congregations of the District, *or organizations that are*
47 *ancillary to the District or Synod.*

48
49 k. Appoint District Reconcilers as prescribed in the Synodical ***Handbook.***¹

50
51 l. Be the custodian of all property, records, and legacies of the District.

2
3 m. Establish and provide for the maintenance of a headquarters called the District
4 Office, which shall be the official address of the District. All official records of the District
5 shall be kept at the District Office. Any exceptions shall require approval of the Board of
6 Directors.

7
8 n. Present reports of its actions at all District Conventions. ~~The Board of Directors~~
9 ~~may also~~ *and, if desired*, propose recommendations for consideration by the District
10 Convention.

11
12 o. Be responsible to the District for its actions and the actions of all District Officers,
13 Committees, agents, and employees.

14
15 4. Members of the Board of Directors shall not serve as Chairs of District Committees;
16 nor serve as members of the Nominating Committee; nor be on the District payroll; nor
17 serve more than two consecutive terms; nor ~~shall~~ *in the case of* a Regional Vice President
18 and ~~the~~ *a* Regional Director be from the same Circuit.

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21 **III.B. The District President**

22
23 1. The District President shall be Chief Executive Officer of the District.

24
25 2. The District President shall:

26
27 a. Be a Minister of Religion – Ordained and be on the roster of the Synod.

28
29 b. Be a full-time executive.

30
31 c. Provide vision and direction for the work of the District, and, in ~~consultation with~~
32 *compliance with the policies of* the Board of Directors, be the overseer of the work of the
33 District.

34
35 d. ~~By and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors,~~ *In consultation with*
36 *the Board of Directors*, appoint all District Committee Chairs, who shall be directly
37 responsible to the President.

38
39 e. In consultation with each duly appointed Committee Chair, appoint a sufficient
40 number of members to each Committee to insure its proper functioning (except *for* the
41 members of the Nominating Committee, which are elected by the District Convention, as
42 required by the Synodical *Handbook*²).

43
44 f. Be responsible for the proper functioning of all District Committees.

45
46 g. In consultation with other staff professionals; *and* Committee Chairs, *and in*
47 *compliance with the fiscal limitations established by* the Board of Directors, be responsible
48 for the preparation of the annual District Budget.

49
50 h. ~~By and with the advice and consent of~~ *In consultation with* the District Board of
51 Directors, contract for service sufficient professional staff personnel to assist the
52

2
3 Committees in the performance of their tasks. ~~All , such contracts with professional staff~~
4 ~~personnel are to be time limited and are coterminous with the each term of office of the~~
5 ~~District President. All professional staff personnel shall be directly responsible to the~~
6 ~~President. The District President shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the staff~~
7 ~~professionals and such personnel to report directly to the President, who shall be~~
8 ~~responsible for their proper functioning.~~

9
10 i. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors: to provide
11 reports summarizing his activities; to report his perceptions of the progress of District
12 programs; and to receive counsel from the Board.

13
14 j. Perform the duties and functions of office as prescribed in the Synodical
15 *Handbook*.³

16 III.C. District Vice Presidents

17
18
19 1. The First Vice President shall:

20
21 a. Be a minister of Religion – Ordained and be on the roster of the District.

22
23 b. Upon the request of the President, or as directed by the Board of Directors or by
24 the District Convention, advise, assist, or represent the President.

25
26 c. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.

27
28 d. Serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.

29
30 e. Be elected at-large at the regular Convention.

31
32 2. The Regional Vice Presidents shall:

33
34 a. Be ministers of Religion – Ordained and be on the Roster of the District.

35
36 b. Upon the request of the President, or as directed by the Board of Directors or by
37 the District Convention, advise, assist or represent the President.

38
39 c. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.

40
41 d. Be elected *regionally*, by caucus, at the regular Convention.

42
43 e. Not be ranked.

44
45 f. Attend at least one meeting of each Circuit Forum in his region each year: to
46 provide reports summarizing his activities and those of the Board of Directors; to report
47 his perceptions of the progress of District programs; and to receive counsel from the
48 Circuit Forum.

49 III.D. The Regional Directors

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51
52 The Regional Directors shall:

- 2
- 3 a. Be lay persons.
- 4
- 5 b. Be members of District congregations.
- 6
- 7 c. Be elected *regionally*, by caucus, at the regular Convention.
- 8
- 9 d. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 10
- 11 e. Attend at least one meeting of each circuit Forum in his/her region each year: to
- 12 provide reports summarizing his/her activities and those of the Board of Directors; to
- 13 report his/her perceptions of the progress of District programs; and to receive counsel from
- 14 the Circuit Forum.
- 15

16 III.E. Director-Commissioned Minister

17

18 The Director-Commissioned Minister shall:

19

- 20 a. Be a minister of Religion – Commissioned and be on the roster of the District.
- 21
- 22 b. Be elected at the regular Convention
- 23
- 24 c. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 25
- 26 d. Attend at least one District Educators Conference each year: to provide reports
- 27 summarizing his/her activities and those of the Board of Directors; to report his/her
- 28 perceptions of the progress of District programs; and to receive counsel from the
- 29 Educator²'s Conference.
- 30

31 III.F. The District Secretary

32

33 The District Secretary shall:

34

- 35 e. Be a minister of Religion – Ordained and be on the roster of the District.
- 36
- 37 f. Perform all customary duties ~~as~~ *required and expected of a Corporate Secretary*.
- 38
- 39 g. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors, record all
- 40 proceedings, and within fourteen days publish minutes of the proceedings to all members
- 41 of the Board of Directors, *all* District Officers, *all* Committee Chairs, all Parish Pastors,
- 42 and *all* Congregational Presidents of the District.
- 43
- 44 h. Arrange for the preparation and publication of *The Convention Manual* and for its
- 45 distribution to all professional workers and congregations on the District roster and all
- 46 designated delegates at least 30 days before the opening of the District Convention.
- 47
- 48 i. Attend the District Convention and record all *of its* proceedings ~~of the District~~
- 49 ~~Convention~~ (assistants being appointed by the President as necessary) and by July 1
- 50 following the District Convention publish the *Proceedings of the District Convention* and
- 51 arrange for its distribution to all professional workers and congregations on the District
- 52 roster, and all designated delegates.

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3 j. In consultation with the District’s Constitutional Matters Committee, publish
4 revisions of the District Bylaws as needed and arrange for their distribution to all
5 professional workers and congregations on the District roster.

6
7 k. Perform such others duties as the president or the Board of Directors may assign.

8
9 III.G. District Treasurer

10
11 The Treasurer shall:

12
13 l. Be a lay person.

14
15 m. Be a member of a District congregation.

16
17 n. Administer the office in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the
18 District Board of Directors.

19
20 o. ~~Keep~~ *Ensure that the District President keeps an* accurate account of and
21 disburses District funds according to instructions of the Board of Directors.

22
23 p. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors to ~~report~~ *monitor*
24 the financial health of the District and to ~~receive counsel from~~ *provide counsel to* the
25 Board of Directors.

26
27 III.H. The Church Extension Fund

28
29 1. The Church Extension Funds (hereafter known as the Fund) shall be maintained
30 subordinate to the CNH District as a separate corporate entity organized under the laws of
31 the State of California and shall be governed by a Board of Directors (subordinate to the
32 California-Nevada-Hawaii District) in accordance with the provisions of the Fund’s
33 Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws.

34
35 2. Three members shall be elected at the triennial District Convention from a list of
36 nominees presented by the District.

37
38 3. The term of office for the three (3) District-elected members shall be for three (3)
39 years.

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42 **ARTICLE IV**
43 **THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

44
45 **IV.A. In General**

46
47 1. District Committees shall:

48
49 a. Act on their own initiative within their approved budget limitations, and in
50 accordance with the Bylaws of the District, Resolutions of the Convention, and policies,
51 which have been adopted by the District Board of Directors.

2
3 b. On a timely basis, submit to the District President and Board of Directors:
4 proposed Plans of Action; projected costs; projected activities; lists of members; and,
5 minutes of meetings.

6
7 c. Determine their own need for professional staff support. ~~Staff support is to be~~
8 ~~approved by the District President, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of~~
9 ~~Directors. Committees provide the job descriptions for the professional staff support~~
10 ~~requested. Professional staff personnel answer to the District President, who supervise~~
11 ~~them on behalf of the Committees, such support to be provided as set forth in III.B.2.h~~
12 ~~above.~~

13
14 2. Committee Chairs shall:

15
16 a. Report directly to the District President, who is responsible for her/his proper
17 functioning.

18
19 b. Annually provide the District President and Board of Directors with a
20 comprehensive, written description of the progress of the Committee's programs.

21
22 c. Prepare a comprehensive, written report for submission to the regular District
23 Convention.

24
25 d. Attend regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors, as required below
26 (Article IV. B & C.).

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28
29 IV.B. Representation at Board of Directors Meetings

30
31 1. Any Committee Chair may attend any regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

32
33 ~~2. All Committee Chairs shall attend at least one regular meeting of the Board of~~
34 ~~Directors annually.~~

35
36 ~~3. As provided below, some Committee Chairs are required to attend all *regular* meetings~~
37 ~~of the Board of Directors.~~

38
39 4. Any Committee Chair may be required by the District President or the Board of
40 Directors to attend any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

41
42 5. Although Committee Chairs answer directly to the District President, they attend
43 Board of Directors meeting to report, to give and to receive counsel.

44
45
46 IV.C. Mandated Committees

47
48 1. ~~PARTNER MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE MISSION ACTION COUNCIL~~

49
50 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ may attend all regular meetings of the Board of
51 Directors, and any special meetings, ~~as or when~~ required by the District President or the
52 Board of Directors.

2
3 b. This Committee shall:

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- 5 i. Serve as liaison for the Synod's Board for Mission Services.
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- 7 ii. Serve to coordinate the mission plans and requests from the regional
-
- 8 Mission Action Councils.
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- ~~iii.~~
- Assist Mission Action Councils in developing and prioritizing
-
- 11 Mission Plans according to demographic and sociological changes which
-
- 12 impact Word and Sacrament ministry.
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- 13
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- 14 iv. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
-
- 15 prescribed in the Synodical
- Handbook*
- .
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17 2. EVANGELISM

18
19 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
20 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
21 Board of Directors.
22

23 b. This Committee shall:

- 24
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- 25 i. Provide liaison for the Synod's Board for Evangelism Services.
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- 26
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- 27 ii. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
-
- 28 prescribed in the Synodical
- Handbook*
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31 3. COMMUNICATIONS

32
33 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
34 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
35 Board of Directors.
36

37 b. This Committee shall:

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- 39 i. Provide liaison for the Synod's Board for Communication Services.
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- 40
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- 41 ii. Supervise all phases of internal communication for the District.
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- 43 iii. Report the work of the District in an edifying manner using the
-
- 44 various media available.
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- 46 iv. Supervise the publication of the District newspaper.
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- 48 v. Provide a synopsis of the actions of each Board of Directors'
-
- 49 meeting in an edifying manner, to each congregation of the District, within
-
- 50 seven days of the meeting, and in a form, which can be easily reproduced in
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- 51 the congregation's worship folder or newsletter.
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3 vi. Provide a synopsis of the actions of the District Convention, in an
4 edifying manner, to each congregation of the District within fourteen days
5 after the close of the Convention, in a form which can be easily reproduced
6 in the congregation's newsletter.
7
8 vii. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
9 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.⁶
10

11 4. PARISH EDUCATION

12
13 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
14 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
15 Board of Directors.
16

17 b. This Committee shall:

- 18
19 i. Provide liaison for the Synod's Board for Parish Services.
20
21 ii. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
22 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.⁷
23
24

25 5. HUMAN CARE MINISTRIES

26
27 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
28 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
29 Board of Directors.
30

31 b. This Committee shall:

- 32
33 i. Provide liaison for the Synod's Board for Human Care Ministries.
34
35 ii. Provide Circuit level assistance in the field of social welfare,
36 especially in coordinating Circuit support for District-wide social welfare
37 projects.
38
39 iii. Be responsible for giving guidance to the District in the area of
40 social ministry.
41
42 iv. In consultation with the Congregation(s) or Circuit(s) involved,
43 coordinate the work of specialized Human Care Ministries (although each
44 may have its own guiding committee).
45
46 v. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
47 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.⁸
48

49 6. STEWARDSHIP

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2
3 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
4 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
5 Board of Directors.

6
7 b. This Committee shall:

- 8
9 i. Provide liaison for the Synod's Department of Stewardship.
10
11 ii. Assist and advise the local congregations in the development and
12 promotion of an adequate stewardship program.
13
14 iii. Promote special gifts and bequests of all kinds for all phases of the
15 church's work, provided such activities do not conflict directly with the
16 Articles of Incorporation of the District.
17
18 ~~iv. In consultation with the Board of Directors, provide for an annual~~
19 ~~audit of the records of the District in such manner as directed by the Synod~~
20 ~~and by the District's Board of Directors. NB: Moved to Board of Directors~~
21
22 v. ~~Review District and Circuit performance in meeting the District~~
23 ~~Budget at quarterly intervals.~~
24
25 ~~vi. Provide for and oversee the bonding of all District fiscal officers~~
26 ~~and employees entrusted with the receiving and disbursing of funds. Bonds~~
27 ~~shall be provided by a licensed bonding agency at District expense. NB:~~
28 ~~Moved to Board of Directors~~
29
30 vii. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
31 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.⁹
32

33 7. YOUTH

34
35 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
36 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
37 Board of Directors.

38
39 b. This Committee shall:

- 40
41 i. Provide District level liaison for the Synod's Board for Youth
42 Services.
43
44 ii. Serve as advisor to the District Board of Directors on youth matters.
45
46 iii. Understand its tasks and function as being congruent with those
47 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.¹⁰
48

49 8. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

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2
3 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
4 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
5 Board of Directors.

6
7 b. This Committee shall:

8
9 i. Provide District level liaison for the Synod's Commission on
10 Constitutional Matters.

11
12 ii. Regularly review the Bylaws of the District and draft proposed
13 revisions, which will keep them up to date with current practice.

14
15 iii. Draft proposed revisions to the District Bylaws made necessary by
16 changes in the Synodical *Handbook*.

17
18 iv. Immediately after each Convention of the District, draft revisions to
19 the District Bylaws to conform to resolutions adopted by the Convention.

20
21 v. Review proposed revisions of the *Constitutions and* Bylaws of
22 District congregations to insure that they conform to the Bylaws of the
23 Synod and District, and State law.

24
25 vi. Interpret the Bylaws of the District in cases of controversy. These
26 opinions shall be binding unless overruled by the District Convention or by
27 the Synod.

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29
30 **9. RECRUITMENT AND STUDENT AID**

31
32 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
33 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
34 Board of Directors.

35
36 b. This Committee shall:

37
38 i. Support professional church workers in their vital role of identifying
39 and encouraging potential candidates for the professional and lay ministries
40 of the church.

41
42 ii. Administer the District's funds made available, in a fair and
43 equitable way, to assist students in their pursuit of professional church
44 work careers. Policy guidelines for the administration of these funds shall
45 be prepared by the Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for
46 approval.

47
48 **10. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS**

49
50 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
51 Directors, and any special meetings, *as or when* required by the District President or the
52 Board of Directors.

2
3 b. This Committee shall:

- 4
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- 5 i. Serve as advisor to the District Board of Directors on matters
-
- 6 concerning Parochial Day Schools, Nursery Schools, and Day Care
-
- 7 Centers.
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- 9 ii. Advocate and promote mission outreach through the schools of the
-
- 10 District.
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- 12 iii. Recommend and encourage procedures for evaluation of school and
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- 13 school personnel to enable school accreditation.
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- 15 iv. Assist congregations in planning for and development of full-time
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- 16 education ministries
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- 18 v. Develop continuing education programs for teachers and
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- 19 administrators, including recruitment and support for future administrators.
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- 21 vi. Encourage non-Synodical certified teachers to work toward
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- 22 Synodical certification.
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- 24 vii. Develop school board training.
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26 **11. HISTORICAL**27
28 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
29 Directors, and any special meetings, ~~as~~ *or when* required by the District President or the
30 Board of Directors.31
32 b. This Committee shall:

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- 34 i. Collaborate with the Concordia Historical Institute and provide a
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- 35 regional representative for the Institute.
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- 37 ii. Gather and ensure the safekeeping of records and articles of
-
- 38 historical importance to the District and Synod and make them available to
-
- 39 qualified researchers.
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- 40
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- 41 iii. Promote activities that stimulate historical interest and awareness in
-
- 42 the District.
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-
- 44 iv. Advise congregations and agencies in establishing and maintaining
-
- 45 their own archives.
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48 **12. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**49
50 a. The Chair of this Committee ~~shall~~ *may* attend all regular meetings of the Board of
51 Directors, and any special meetings, ~~as~~ *or when* required by the District President or the
52 Board of Directors.

2
3 b. This Committee shall:

- 4
5 i. Be elected as part of each Convention's elections process, as
6 prescribed in the Synodical *Handbook*.¹¹
7 ii. Consist of: one Minister of Religion - Ordained, one Minister of
8 Religion - Commissioned, and two lay persons.
9
10 iii. Nominate at least two candidates for each of the following elective
11 offices: Regional Directors, Director-Commissioned Minister, Secretary,
12 Treasurer, and the (next Convention) Nominating Committee (see above).
13
14 iv. Obtain the prior consent of nominees and publish brief biographical
15 sketches in the *Convention Manual*.
16

17 *IV.D. Special Committees*

18
19 The District President may, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors,
20 create ad hoc Committees as needed. These Committees and their Chairs have the same
21 rights, privileges and accountability as the Mandated Committees.
22

23 ARTICLE V

24 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

25
26 The District shall meet in Convention triennially prior to June 1 of the year preceding the
27 Convention of the Synod. In addition to provisions of the Synodical *Handbook*¹²
28 regarding Conventions of the District, the following regulations shall apply:
29

30 *V.A. Delegates*

31
32 Congregations shall register the names (together with a brief biographical sketch) of the
33 delegates and alternates with the District President at least three months prior to the
34 opening of the Convention.
35

36 *V.B. Committee Appointments*

37
38 The District President shall announce the appointment of Convention Floor Committees in
39 the pages of the official District publication at least one month prior to the opening of the
40 Convention.
41

42 *V.C. Convention Manual*

43
44 1. The Board of Directors and all Committees of the District, as well as others desiring
45 to bring their work to the attention of the District Convention, shall submit their reports
46 and recommendations to the District President for publication in the *Convention Manual*.
47 These reports and recommendations shall be in the office of the District President at least
48 ten weeks prior to the opening of the Convention. The District President, at his discretion,
49 shall have the right to withhold certain overtures and unofficial reports from publication in
50 the *Convention Manual*, referring them directly to the appropriate Floor Committee as
51 unpublished overtures and reports for its consideration. Overtures and unofficial reports
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3 received later than two weeks prior to the opening of the Convention may be referred to
4 the Convention at the discretion of the District President.

5
6 2. One copy of the *Convention Manual* shall be supplied: to each Minister of Religion –
7 Ordained or Commissioned; to each congregation on the District roster; and to such others
8 as the Board of Directors shall authorize.

9
10 3. The District President shall instruct the District Secretary to publish all the reports and
11 overtures, which he supplies, together with the program of the Convention, an outline of
12 the Convention essay, and the District roster (this roster to include all congregations, all
13 Ministers of religion – Ordained and Commissioned, all officers and Committees of the
14 District and of the Convention). The *Convention Manual* shall be mailed in time to reach
15 the congregations at least one month prior to the opening of the District Convention.

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18 V.D. Convention Business

19
20 1. All reports, resolutions, including those from Floor Committees, or other material not
21 contained in the *Convention Manual* shall be reproduced and distributed to the delegates
22 prior to the opening of the session in which these reports, resolutions, or other materials
23 are to be discussed and considered.

24
25 2. Except for overtures, memorials, petitions, or resolutions, no materials appearing in the
26 published *Convention Manual* shall be read in their entirety on the Convention floor.

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28
29 V.E. Proceedings

30
31 1. The Secretary shall be responsible for publication of the *District Convention*
32 *Proceedings* by July 1 following the Convention.

33
34 2. One copy of the *Proceedings* shall be supplied to each minister of Religion – Ordained
35 or Commissioned, each congregation on the District roster, and such others as the Board of
36 Directors shall authorize.

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39 ARTICLE VI

40 **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

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42 VI.A. Elected Officers

43
44 The elected officers of the District are: ~~the~~ President, First Vice President, three Regional
45 Vice Presidents, three Regional Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, members of the
46 Nominating Committee, and a Circuit Counselor for each of the District's Circuits.

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48 VI.B. Term of Elected Officers

49
50 1. The term of office for all officers of the District shall be for three years.

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3 2. The term of office for the President, ~~First Vice President~~, Secretary, Treasurer, and the
4 Circuit Counselors shall be without limitation to reelection. All other positions shall have
5 a limitation of two successive terms. One-half or more of a term shall be considered a full
6 term under limited tenure.

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8 VI.C. Pre-Convention Nominations for District President

9
10 Nominations for the Office of President shall be made in the following manner:

- 11
12 a. The Secretary of the District shall mail nominating ballots to each voting
13 congregation no later than eight (8) months prior to the Convention.
14
15 b. Each voting congregation of the District is entitled to nominate as candidates for
16 the office of District President, two Ministers of Religion – Ordained from the
17 roster of the Synod.
18
19 c. Each nominating ballot shall be signed by two officers of the voting congregation
20 and shall be returned to the Secretary of the District no later than six (6) months
21 prior to the opening date of the Convention.
22
23 d. The Secretary of the District shall tabulate nominations and report the names of all
24 clergy receiving three or more nominations in the *Convention Manual*.
25
26 e. Candidates for President shall be the five receiving the highest number of
27 nominating ballots from the congregations. In the event of a tie for the fifth
28 position among the candidates, all names involved in the tie shall be listed as
29 candidates, as prescribed by the Synodical *Handbook*.¹³
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32 VI.D. Convention Floor Nominations

33
34 Except for the Office of President, additional nominations for any elective office may be
35 made from the floor of the Convention, or from the floor of the Caucus as appropriate, or
36 by any voting delegate; however, the prior consent of the nominee shall have been
37 obtained and a brief biographical sketch submitted to the District Secretary at the time the
38 nomination is made.
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41 VI.E. Teller Committee

42
43 A Teller Committee and its Chair shall be appointed by the District President to facilitate
44 the election of officers.
45

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47 VI.F. Order of Elections

48
49 1. Election of the President

- 50
51 a. In the first business of the session of the Convention, the Teller Committee shall
52 conduct the election for the office of President.

- 2
- 3 b. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to vote for one of the candidates for
- 4 President which appear on the slate published by the District Secretary.
- 5
- 6 c. The Candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared President.
- 7
- 8 d. If additional balloting is necessary, the candidate receiving the smallest number of
- 9 votes shall be eliminated on each subsequent ballot until one candidate receives a
- 10 majority of the votes cast. In the event of ties for the smallest number, all those tied
- 11 shall be eliminated.
- 12

13 2. Election of the First Vice President.

14

- 15 a. A slate of candidates for the office of First Vice President shall be formulated at
- 16 the Convention.
- 17
- 18 b. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to nominate one Minister of Religion –
- 19 Ordained from the roster of the District for the office of First Vice President, (as
- 20 above, Article VI.D, the prior consent of the nominee shall have been obtained and
- 21 a brief biographical sketch submitted to the District Secretary at the time the
- 22 nomination is made) by writing the name on a blank ballot provided by the Teller
- 23 Committee. The Teller Committee will tabulate the ballots and formulate a slate of
- 24 candidates. Any nominee receiving 10% or more of the nominating ballots cast
- 25 will be included on the slate. The slate of candidates published by the Teller
- 26 Committee will include a brief biographical sketch of each candidate.
- 27
- 28 c. The Teller Committee shall conduct the election of the First Vice President.
- 29
- 30 d. Each voting delegate shall be entitled to vote for one of the candidates for the First
- 31 Vice President which appear on the slate published by the Teller Committee.
- 32
- 33 e. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared First Vice
- 34 President.
- 35
- 36 f. If additional balloting is necessary, the candidate receiving the smallest number of
- 37 votes shall be eliminated on each subsequent ballot until one candidate receives a
- 38 majority of the votes cast. In the event of ties for the smallest number, all those tied
- 39 shall be eliminated.
- 40

41 3. Election of the Regional Vice Presidents, Director-Commissioned Minister, and

42 Regional Directors

43

- 44 a. The Regions shall caucus to nominate their Regional Vice Presidents and the
- 45 Regional Director. (The Regional Vice President and the Regional Director may
- 46 not be from the same Circuit.) Each Region will submit to the Convention one
- 47 nomination for Regional Vice President and one nomination for Regional Director.
- 48
- 49 b. In the Regional caucus, the Teller Committee will facilitate the nomination of the
- 50 Regional Vice President according to the process used for nomination of First Vice
- 51 President.
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- 2
- 3 c. The Teller Committee will present the slate prepared by the Nominating
4 Committee for the office of Director-Commissioned Minister; entertain
5 nominations from the floor of the caucus as allowed in Article VI.D. above; and
6 conduct a run-off election. The Candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast
7 shall be declared nominated.
8
- 9 d. In the Regional caucus, the Teller Committee will present the slate prepared by the
10 Nominating Committee for the office of Regional Director; entertain nominations
11 from the floor of the caucus as allowed in Article VI.D above; disqualify any
12 nominee made ineligible because of the Circuit of the nominated Regional Vice
13 President; and conduct a run-off election. The Candidate receiving a majority of
14 the votes cast shall be declared nominated.
15
- 16 e. The Teller Committee shall submit to the Convention a final slate of candidates for
17 the offices of Regional Vice Presidents, Director-Commissioned Minister, and
18 Regional Director to be ratified by the Convention.
19
- 20 f. The Teller Committee shall conduct the election (ratification) of the Regional Vice
21 Presidents, Director-Commissioned Minister, and Regional Director.
22

23 4. Succeeding elections shall be conducted by the Teller Committee for the following
24 offices:

- 25
- 26 a. For the Secretary and for the Treasurer from the slate prepared by the Nominating
27 Committee, supplemented by nominations from the floor. The candidate receiving
28 a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
29
- 30 b. For the (next Convention) Nominating Committee from the slate prepared by the
31 Nominating Committee, supplemented by nominations from the floor. The
32 candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.
33
- 34 c. For Circuit Counselors from the slate published by the District Secretary, as
35 prescribed by the Synodical *Handbook*.¹⁴
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38 VI.G. Ballots

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40 On all ballots, candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order. There shall be no indication
41 of incumbency by special mark.
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44 VI.H Records of Elections

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46 All ballots in each election shall be preserved by the Chair of the Teller Committee until
47 the close of the Convention and shall then be destroyed, as prescribed by the Synodical
48 *Handbook*.¹⁵
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51 VI.I. Vacancies

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3 1. When the Office of President becomes vacant, or when the President is incapacitated,
4 the Office shall be assumed by the First Vice President. If less than six months of the term
5 remains, he may serve out the term in a part-time capacity. If more than six months
6 remains, he must be willing to assume the position full-time. If he declines, a new
7 President shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

8
9 2. When the office of First Vice President becomes vacant, a new First Vice President
10 shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

11
12 3. Vacancies in any other elected office of the District shall be filled by Presidential
13 appointment by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. In the event
14 any officer of the District shall become incapable of service, the Board of Directors shall
15 relieve that person of his/her duties.

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18 VI.J. Delegates to the Synod Convention

19
20 1. Election of the delegates and alternates (voting) shall be as prescribed in the Synodical
21 **Handbook**.¹⁶

22
23 2. Election of advisory delegates and alternates in the categories of Minister of Religion –
24 Ordained and of Minister of Religion – Commissioned shall be as prescribed in the
25 Synodical **Handbook**.¹⁷

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27 3. Selection of other District advisory representatives shall be as prescribed in the
28 Synodical **Handbook**.¹⁸

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30 4. Selection of the District's youth representatives shall be made by the District's Youth
31 Committee, as prescribed in the Synodical **Handbook**.¹⁹

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34 VI.K. Installation of Officers

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36 1. All District officers elected at the Convention shall be installed prior to July 1
37 following the Convention. The President shall designate the installing officer and the date,
38 time, and place of the installation.

39
40 2. The President and other District Officers leaving office shall continue to hold the
41 authority and responsibility of office until July 1, following the Convention.

42
43 3. Any expenses of the newly elected officers related to assuming office shall be the
44 responsibility of the District.

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47 ARTICLE VII
48 REGIONS, CIRCUITS AND CIRCUIT FOR A

49
50 1. The authority to determine Regional and Circuit divisions shall rest with the District
51 Convention, as prescribed by the Synodical **Handbook**.²⁰

- 2
- 3 2. The purpose and function of each Circuit and Circuit Forum shall be as prescribed in
4 the Synodical *Handbook*.²¹
- 5
- 6 3. Within two months after each District Convention, each Circuit Forum shall meet and
7 elect such officers as it deems necessary.
- 8
- 9 4. Each congregation shall be represented at the Circuit Forum at least by the pastor and
10 one member designated by the congregation, as prescribed the Synodical *Handbook*.²²
- 11
- 12 5. Each Circuit Forum may submit overtures to the District Board of Directors as well as
13 to Synodical and District Conventions, as prescribed by the Synodical *Handbook*.²³
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16 ARTICLE VIII

17 AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

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19 *VIII.A. Amendments by Direct Convention Action*

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21 Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by the District Convention provided:

- 22
- 23 a. The change is not contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod.
- 24
- 25 b. The proposed change is presented to the Convention in writing.
- 26
- 27 c. The proposed material is specified as a Bylaw amendment and is studied as such
28 by a Convention floor committee.
- 29
- 30 d. The change is adopted by a majority vote by the Convention.
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33 *VIII.B. Amendment by Indirect Convention Action*

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- 35 1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be made when action taken by the Synod's
36 Convention shall have set them at variance with the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws.
- 37
- 38 2. Needed revisions to these Bylaws shall be drafted by the District Constitutional
39 Matters Committee and submitted to the next District Convention for approval.
- 40

41 *VIII.D. Publication of Bylaw Revisions*

42

43 Whenever it becomes necessary to publish new editions of the Bylaws of the District
44 (whether entirely or in substantial sections), the Secretary shall have responsibility for
45 their publication.

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48 NB: This is the reference for footnote 4: The Board for Mission Services shall counsel with the
49 mission boards of the districts and partner churches with reference to their mission program and
50 supervise the planning and implementation of programs which will best utilize the Synod's
51 resources of people and possessions. 2004 Handbook of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod;
52 Board for Mission Services 3.8.8.2.2 (c); page 170.)

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3 Committee #4
4 Res. (4-02)
5 Ref. CM Supplement p. 122
6 Overture #15
7

8 RE: TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE MINISTRY
9 CENTER

10
11 WHEREAS, the CNH in convention approved the building of the CNH Ministry Center
12 in Livermore; AND

13 WHEREAS, the CNH Ministry Center has proven to be a great blessing to the CNH,
14 providing first-rate accommodations for meetings and seminars and an
15 excellent working place for staff; AND

16 WHEREAS, the original building plan was expanded to include leasable space which
17 would provide a significant income stream to the District; AND

18 WHEREAS, the lease with CitiCorp on the other half of the building expires in 2008;
19 AND

20 WHEREAS, almost 2.2 million square feet of leasable space is presently on the market
21 in the Livermore area making it very difficult to lease the space available at
22 the Ministry Center; AND

23 WHEREAS, mortgage and interest on the Ministry Center costs the District \$219,490
24 each year; AND

25 WHEREAS, the executive staff is deployed in the various regions of the district and is
26 not in need of office space at the Ministry Center; THEREFORE, BE IT

27 RESOLVED, that the President of the CNH District appoint a task force to study the
28 future use of the Ministry Center; AND BE IT FURTHER

29 RESOLVED, that the task force consider a wide variety of options for the Ministry
30 Center, including the possibility of, but not limited to, selling it and using
31 the proceeds to purchase or lease another building (or portion of one) that
32 serves the needs of the district and the district staff at the same excellent
33 level as the present building; AND BE IT FINALLY

34 RESOLVED, that the task force present a report with specific recommendations to the
35 District Convention in 2009.

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37 ACTION: ____Adopted ____Defeated ____Recommitted ____Amended

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39 Committee #4
40 Res. (4-04)
41 Ref. CM p 118-119
42 Overture #12
43

44 RE: TO DECLINE OVERTURE #12
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3 WHEREAS, the District President is in compliance with the LC-MS Bylaws (4.4.4(a)--
4 *He [The District President] shall arrange in advance for an official visit to*
5 *each congregation of his district at least once every three years and*
6 *otherwise as he deems it necessary. He may call upon the circuit*
7 *counselors and vice-presidents to assist him with the triennial visitation of*
8 *congregations [emphasis added]); AND*
9

10 WHEREAS, the District President encourages the Circuit Counselors to convene Circuit
11 Forums in compliance with the Synodical *Handbook*; THEREFORE BE IT

12
13 RESOLVED, that Overture #12, be respectfully declined.

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15 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Recommitted Amended

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17 Committee #4
18 Res. (4-05)
19 Ref. CM p 118
20 Overture #11

21 RE: TO DECLINE OVERTURE #11

22
23 WHEREAS, Resolution 4-01 (Bylaw Revision) changes and clarifies the relationship
24 between the Board of Directors and the District President; AND

25
26 WHEREAS, this satisfies the substance of Overture 11; THEREFORE BE IT

27
28 RESOLVED, that Overture #11 be respectfully declined

29
30 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Recommitted Amended

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32 Committee #9
33 (Res. 9-01)
34 No Reference

35
36 RE: TO IDENTIFY SITE FOR 2009 DISTRICT CONVENTION

37
38 WHEREAS, the last District Convention was held at Sacramento; AND

39
40 WHEREAS, Circuit #3 the San Joaquin Circuit, is extending to us an invitation
41 indicating their willingness to host the 68th convention of the CNH District
42 in the year 2009; THEREFORE BE IT

43
44 RESOLVED, that we here in convention in Sacramento accept their invitation and request
45 that some members of Circuit #3 be involved in the planning of the 68th
46 convention of the CNH District; AND BE IT FINALLY

47
48 RESOLVED, that the District Board of Directors be authorized to set the exact dates,
49 subject to available facilities.

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51 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Recommitted Amended

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3 Committee #4
4 Res. (4-03)
5 Ref. CM
6 Overture #7, 12, 17
7

8 RE: TO APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REGIONALIZATION IN CNH DISTRICT.
9

10 WHEREAS, Overture 7 has raised the issue of appropriate representation on the Board of Directors for
11 the truly unique, isolated areas of Hawaii and Nevada; AND
12

13 WHEREAS, Overture 12 has raised the issue of adequate contact with the district through mandated
14 visitation; AND
15

16 WHEREAS, Overture 17 has raised the issue of appropriate alignment of circuits for the sake of
17 consistency between Mission Action Councils and governance; AND
18

19 WHEREAS, All these issues have considerable impact on how congregations relate to and connect with
20 each other and the District; THEREFORE BE IT
21

22 RESOLVED, That the District President appoint a task force to study regionalization in the
23 CNH District; AND BE IT FURTHER
24

25 RESOLVED, That this study would include circuit, Mission Action Council, and Regional boundaries
26 and alignment; AND BE IT FURTHER
27

28 RESOLVED, That the goal of the study would be the creation of a plan that improves the sense of
29 connection with the district in all areas, through visitation mandated of district presidents,
30 circuit counselors, and regional vice presidents and directors: AND BE IT FURTHER
31

32 RESOLVED, That a further goal of the study be to create an appropriate measure of voice and vote on
33 the Board of Directors for the truly unique regions that are a part of our districts. AND BE IT
34 FURTHER
35

36 RESOLVED, That a further goal would be to create consistency in the alignment of congregations with
37 their regions and Mission Action Councils: AND BE IT FURTHER
38

39 RESOLVED, That the task force complete its task and report to the District President and Board of
40 Directors by January 1, 2008. AND BE IT FURTHER
41

42 RESOLVED, That the report be disseminated throughout the district for study and comment during 2008
43 and the final action plan be presented for action by the 2009 Convention. AND BE IT
44 FINALLY
45

46 RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors be encouraged to invite Hawaii and Nevada to each send one
47 advisory delegate to their regular scheduled meetings at District expense.
48

49 ACTION: ____Adopted ____Defeated ____Recommitted ____Amended

2
3 Committee #2
4 Res. (2-03a)
5 Ref. CM, 93
6 Overture #2
7

8 RE: TO ENCOURAGE FAITHFUL ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

9
10 WHEREAS, the Lord’s Supper expresses the deep union we have with God and with
11 each other, given through Christ’s body and blood, (1 Corinthians 10:16-
12 17); AND

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14 WHEREAS, we seek to maintain a clear confession of faith and doctrine to maintain the
15 unity of the church; AND

16
17 WHEREAS, we continue to do ministry in a post-Christian, highly transient and
18 extremely diverse culture, requiring difficult pastoral decisions; AND

19
20 WHEREAS, it is the desire of our district to establish faith communities in order to
21 enlarge the kingdom of God and bring the message of Christ to our
22 communities in broader ways, raising the issue of how to faithfully
23 administer the Lord’s Supper in this new setting; AND

24
25 WHEREAS, the LCMS Ablaze movement and its use of small group ministry could
26 raise similar issues; THEREFORE BE IT

27
28 RESOLVED, that the CNH District encourage its president and circuit counselors to work
29 diligently with pastors and congregations to develop practical ways of
30 faithfully administering the Lord’s Supper, and to carry out their
31 responsibilities of supervision; AND BE IT FINALLY

32
33 RESOLVED, that we memorialize the LCMS in our 2007 convention to direct our
34 President and Board for Mission Services to develop resources to assist
35 pastors and congregations in developing practical ways of faithfully
36 administering the Lord’s Supper in these new mission settings..

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38 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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3 Committee 4
4 Res. (4-06)
5 No Ref
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7
8 RE: TO TRANSFER THE FOOTHILL MINISTRY AND VALLEY SPRINGS
9 CONGREGATION FROM CIRCUIT 3 TO CIRCUIT 19

10
11 WHEREAS, these ministries are largely funded and supported by Circuit 19; AND

12
13 WHEREAS, they are more orientated in the geographical area of the Placerville foothill
14 area than the Valley (Modesto); THEREFORE BE IT

15
16 RESOLVED, that by convention action that this ministry and congregation be transferred
17 to Circuit 19 with the blessing of both circuit counselors.

18
19 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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3 Committee #8

4 Res. (1-08a)

5 Ref. CM pages 121, 122

6 Overture #14

7
8 RE: TO DEVELOP A MISSIONAL SEMINARY ON THE WEST COAST

9
10 WHEREAS in the history of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, pastors and
11 missionaries have been prepared in a variety of theological training
12 programs; AND

13 WHEREAS these programs developed as needs arose; AND

14
15 WHEREAS our two residential seminaries have served our Synod faithfully in
16 preparing men primarily in a church-centered environment for ministry in
17 church-centered contexts; AND

18 WHEREAS missionaries need to be identified and theologically prepared to minister to
19 these unchurched groups; AND

20 WHEREAS the California-Nevada-Hawaii District represents a vast mission field
21 comprised of many people groups completely disconnected from those
22 church-centered contexts; AND

23 WHEREAS that due to the location and context of our district, the Synod has in the past
24 encouraged our district to develop theological education programs for the
25 pastoral and missionary needs of our district; AND

26
27 WHEREAS the Synod in the past (the development of the present Distance Education
28 Leading to Ordination [DELTO] program) has requested that the
29 seminaries partner with specific districts in developing pilot theological
30 education programs to meet the missionary training needs of those districts;
31 AND

32 WHEREAS such theological preparation for missionaries will best take place in an in-
33 ministry, mission field, non-residential environment, with specific focus on
34 missional outreach to unchurched peoples; AND

35 WHEREAS the Concordia Universities at Portland, Irvine and St. Paul have piloted
36 excellent missionary training programs: a non-residential training program
37 for mission work in Alaska, a Masters program in urban missions for the
38 Pacific Southwest District, and a Masters program in Christian outreach
39 respectively; THEREFORE BE IT

40 RESOLVED that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District develop a Missional Seminary
41 for the preparation of pastors and missionaries for service in the California-
42 Nevada-Hawaii District, AND BE IT FURTHER

43 RESOLVED that the California-Nevada-Hawaii District respectfully request our
44 seminaries and Concordia Universities at Portland, Irvine and St. Paul to
45 assist the District where possible in the development of this seminary; AND
46 BE IT FINALLY

47 RESOLVED that the West Coast Missional Seminary be operational by the time of the
48 California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention in 2009.

49 ACTION: ___Adopted ___Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended

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4 Committee #3
5 Res. (3-05)
6 Unprinted Overture
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9 RE: TO SEEK MORE SENSITIVE AND MORE CLEARLY DEFINED
10 MANAGEMENT OF CONCORDIA PLANS AND SERVICES
11 DISABILITY CLAIMS AND DISPUTES FOR WORKERS OF THE
12 LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)
13

14 WHEREAS, Concordia Plans and Services exists for the sole purpose of providing
15 support for all covered LCMS workers, their spouses, and families; AND
16

17 WHEREAS, each individual LCMS congregation in the plan must pay for the coverage
18 required for each full-time worker; AND
19

20 WHEREAS, Concordia Plans and Services has managed The Disability and Survivor
21 Plan through a contract with a commercial vendor independent of The
22 LCMS with authority over claim determination without congregational
23 input; AND
24

25 WHEREAS, this contractual relationship creates an adversarial relationship between
26 covered workers, the local congregation, and the synod whenever a dispute
27 over a claim arises; AND
28

29 WHEREAS, a church worker within our District covered under the Concordia Plans has
30 experienced the emotional and financial discomfort associated with the
31 outsourced Disability Plan; THEREFORE BE IT
32

33 RESOLVED, that Concordia Plans and Services contract with disability administrators
34 who understand biblical values, the nature of church work, and the needs of
35 church workers; AND BE IT FINALLY
36

37 RESOLVED, that our District President convey our concerns to administrators of the
38 Concordia Plans and Services.
39

40 ACTION: _____Adopted _____Defeated _____Recommitted _____Amended
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