

1 **RESOLUTION: 3-01 (Overture 3-01, CW, pp. 140-141)**
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3 **SUBJECT:** TO AFFIRM THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE
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5 **WHEREAS,** Since the United States Supreme Court's 1973 ruling on Roe v. Wade, over 47 million
6 lives of living but unborn humans have been taken in the United States by legalized
7 abortion (*Source: National Right to Life Committee based on data from the Alan*
8 *Guttmacher Institute*); AND
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10 **WHEREAS,** From 1973 through 2007, 38,915 lives of living but unborn humans have been taken in
11 South Dakota by legalized abortion (*Source: South Dakota Health Department*); AND
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13 **WHEREAS,** God's Word teaches that God is the creator of life from its earliest moment of conception
14 (cf. Job 10:9-11; Ps. 51:5; 139:13-17; Eccl. 11:5; Jer. 1:4-8); AND
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16 **WHEREAS** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod repeatedly has affirmed the sanctity of human life
17 from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death (cf. 1984 CTCR Report
18 "Abortion in Perspective"; 1997 Presidents Commission on the Sanctity of Life Report
19 "That They May Have Life"; and the following Convention Resolutions: 1979 Res. 3-02A;
20 1981 Res. 3-02; 1983 Res. 3-04B; 1986 Res. 3-21; 1989 Res. 3-09A; 1992 Res. 3-10;
21 1995 Res. 6-01A; 1998 Res. 3-13A and 3-14; 2001 Res. 6-02A; 2004 Res. 6-04 and 6-
22 10; and 2007 Res. 6-02); AND
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24 **WHEREAS,** The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has affirmed the
25 Biblical understanding of the sanctity of human life (1985 Res. 3-04; 1991 Res. 3-02A;
26 1994 Res. 3-04; 1997 Res. 3-97); AND
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28 **WHEREAS,** Embryonic stem cell research involves the destruction of human life in its earliest, most
29 vulnerable stages, and "therapeutic cloning" produces human life for the sole purpose of
30 its subsequent destruction; AND
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32 **WHEREAS,** Many people in South Dakota continue to seek and support abortion on demand, often
33 with the understanding that abortion is an alternate form of birth control; AND
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35 **WHEREAS,** In South Dakota, less than 2 percent of abortions are performed because of the mother's
36 physical health or because a pregnancy occurred as a result of rape or incest, reasons
37 often cited as justification for keeping abortion legal; AND
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39 **WHEREAS,** In recent years, the voters of South Dakota have defeated proposed laws which would
40 have provided legal protection of the living but unborn; AND
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42 **WHEREAS,** God's Word calls upon His people to speak up for the weak, helpless, and those who
43 cannot speak for themselves (cf. Prov. 31:8-9); AND
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45 **WHEREAS,** God's Word teaches that because His people live "in the world" but are not "of the world"
46 (cf. John 17:11,14), their true citizenship is in heaven (cf. Phil. 3:20); AND
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48 **WHEREAS,** God's Word teaches and Lutheran theology recognizes that God's people also
49 simultaneously live in and under "two realms" or "two governments", namely, the
50 "temporal" realm (also known as the "realm of the sword" or God's "left-hand realm") and
51 the "spiritual" realm (also known as the "realm of the Spirit" or God's "right-hand realm");
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- 54 **WHEREAS,** We, as Lutheran Christians who understand the sanctity of human life, are a minority who
55 live in a society that is increasingly secular and often opposes the things of God; AND
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- 57 **WHEREAS,** As God's people, we live as "salt" and "light" in this world (cf. Matt. 5:13-16), expressing
58 our understanding of the sanctity of human life through our Christian life, through the
59 verbal testimony we give, through our support in the "temporal" realm of legislation which
60 supports the protection of life from conception to natural death, including through our
61 votes and other work in the political sphere; AND
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- 63 **WHEREAS,** Through the ongoing witness, example, and pro-life work of members of congregations of
64 The South Dakota District LCMS, through the similar witness, example, and pro-life work
65 of other people and organizations in South Dakota, and through other factors, the number
66 of recorded, legalized abortions in South Dakota has declined from a high of 1,693 in
67 1982 to a low of 707 in 2007; AND
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- 69 **WHEREAS,** Even though abortion continues to be legal in our state and nation, we as God's people of
70 faith continue to be guided by God's Word which teaches that we must obey God rather
71 than man (cf. Acts 5:29); THEREFORE BE IT
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- 73 **RESOLVED:** That the congregations of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
74 Synod continue to affirm the teachings of God's Word that every human life is a divine
75 creation and precious gift, from its first moment at conception, to be valued and
76 protected, and mourned whenever it is lost; AND BE IT FURTHER
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- 78 **RESOLVED:** That every congregation of The South Dakota District be encouraged to observe on an
79 annual basis a Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on or near the third Sunday of January, or
80 at another suitable time; AND BE IT FURTHER
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- 82 **RESOLVED:** That while we recognize the distinction between our lives lived simultaneously in the
83 temporal and spiritual realms, we encourage the pastors and members of the
84 congregations of The South Dakota District to let their light shine in the public square,
85 speaking up for the respect and legal protection of all of human life from conception to
86 natural death and opposing any public measures which advance the availability of
87 abortion, euthanasia, and embryo destructive research; AND BE IT FURTHER
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- 89 **RESOLVED:** This Fifty-Eighth Convention of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—
90 Missouri Synod expresses thanks to the National Lutherans For Life organization, the
91 South Dakota Lutherans For Life organization, and the regional chapters of the South
92 Dakota Lutherans For Life for their efforts to educate God's people concerning life issues
93 and for providing many helpful resources for pastors, congregations, and others; AND BE
94 IT FINALLY
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- 96 **RESOLVED:** That upon adoption a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Office of the President
97 of the United States, the South Dakota US Senators, US Congresswoman, and the Office
98 of the Governor of South Dakota.
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101 Respectfully Submitted,
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106 Reverend Robert E. Moeller, Jr., Chairman

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Reverend Kevin Vogts

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-02 (Overture 3-02, CW, pp. 142-143)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF MISSIONARY AMY HARTWIG KASHENOV THROUGH
4 TOGETHER IN MISSION

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6 **WHEREAS,** The Son of Man came into the world to seek and to save that which is lost (cf. Luke
7 19:10) so that people should not perish but have eternal life (cf. John 3:16); AND

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9 **WHEREAS,** Through His Word, Jesus continues to instruct His church to pray that the Lord would
10 send out laborers into the harvest (cf. Luke 10:2); AND

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12 **WHEREAS,** Through the LCMS Board for Mission Services, Amy (Hartwig) Kashenov has served as a
13 missionary in Kazakhstan, among a largely Muslim population, since 1993, and continues
14 to serve in the areas of outreach to native Kazaks, to serve as the supervisor and teacher
15 for ELL (English Language Learners) volunteer teachers, and to be responsible for
16 producing Bible study materials for these teachers to use; AND

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18 **WHEREAS,** Amy (Hartwig) Kashenov is a “daughter of the South Dakota District”; AND

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20 **WHEREAS,** The congregations of The South Dakota District have been called into “partnership in the
21 Gospel”; AND

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23 **WHEREAS,** The past five conventions of The South Dakota District have resolved that the
24 congregations of The South Dakota District in partnership will provide financial support
25 for Amy (Hartwig) Kashenov through Synod’s “Together In Mission” program over and
26 above their regular mission offerings; AND

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28 **WHEREAS,** Currently, less than one-third of the congregations of The South Dakota District provide
29 annual support for this Together in Mission project resulting in a significant shortfall to
30 reach the annual Together In Mission goal of \$40,000; AND

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32 **WHEREAS,** The Philippian congregation’s ongoing support for the Apostle Paul’s mission and
33 ministry activities provide a God-pleasing example of “partnership in the Gospel” (cf. Phil.
34 1:5; 4:15-19; 2 Cor. 8:1-15); THEREFORE BE IT

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36 **RESOLVED:** That the congregations of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri
37 Synod continue their Together In Mission support of Amy (Hartwig) Kashenov during the
38 coming triennium at the level of \$40,000 per year; AND BE IT FURTHER

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40 **RESOLVED:** That The South Dakota District continue to distribute materials to encourage widespread
41 Together In Mission participation among our congregations; AND BE IT FURTHER

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43 **RESOLVED:** That every congregation of The South Dakota District be encouraged to establish an
44 annual commitment to Together in Mission at the same time it establishes its regular
45 mission support; AND BE IT FURTHER

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47 **RESOLVED:** That this support continues to be over and above the regular mission support of the
48 congregations of the District; AND BE IT FINALLY

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50 **RESOLVED:** That the congregations of The South Dakota District regularly remember Amy (Hartwig)
51 Kashenov and her mission work in their parish prayers.
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Reverend Robert E. Moeller, Jr., Chairman

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Mr. Jim Flippin

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-03 (CW, pp. 42, 44)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE MINISTRY OF REVEREND JURAINÉ J. HORNIG
4 AND SERVICE OF MR. HOWARD E. KOOSMAN

5
6 **WHEREAS,** God has blessed His church through the faithful service of His servants the Reverend
7 Juraine J. Hornig and Mr. Howard Koosman; AND

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9 **WHEREAS,** Our Lord has now received these good and faithful servants into eternal rest;
10 THEREFORE BE IT

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12 **RESOLVED:** That we thank God for their service in a variety of venues by standing and singing:

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14 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
15 All who by faith before the world confessed,
16 Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
17 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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19 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
20 You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
21 You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
22 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-04 (CW, pp. 26-35)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE DISTRICT MISSIONS

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5 **WHEREAS,** The reports of the mission congregations, special service ministries, campus ministries,
6 and missionaries-at-large (Convention Workbook, pages 26-35) clearly show their
7 faithfulness in serving the people of our South Dakota District, THEREFORE BE IT

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9 **RESOLVED:** That this Convention gratefully accept their reports; AND BE IT FINALLY

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11 **RESOLVED:** That the people of the South Dakota District continue to prayerfully and with good
12 stewardship support these outreach efforts.

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-05 (CW, pp. 106-107)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LLL AND LWML

4
5 **WHEREAS,** The LLL and the LWML are auxiliary organizations; AND

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7 **WHEREAS,** The theme of the Fifty-Eighth Convention of the South Dakota District of The Lutheran
8 Church – Missouri Synod is “Called into Partnership; AND

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10 **WHEREAS,** The LLL and the LWML continue to recognize new mission opportunities in various parts
11 of the world and the South Dakota District; AND

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13 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Bob Portice and Ms. Elaine Hankel have submitted reports of activities of the South
14 Dakota District LLL and LWML to the Convention of this District (see pages 106-107 of
15 the Convention Workbook); THEREFORE BE IT

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17 **RESOLVED:** That we thank God for the service of the LLL and the LWML to our District and Synod;
18 AND BE IT FINALLY

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20 **RESOLVED:** That we encourage all men and women of the District to take advantage of the education,
21 inspiration, and opportunities for service offered them by membership in the LLL and
22 LWML.

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-06 (CW, pp. 47-56)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** RECOGNITION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE CIRCUIT
4 COUNSELORS

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6 **WHEREAS,** The Office of Circuit Counselor continues to be an important position within the structure
7 of our Church, oftentimes requiring substantial amounts of time and effort; AND

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9 **WHEREAS,** A number of District pastors have willingly served in this capacity during the past three
10 years; AND

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12 **WHEREAS,** These Circuit Counselor have submitted reports to the Convention (Convention
13 Workbook, pages 47-56) which not only inform of Circuit activities but also of dedicated
14 service on the part of these men; THEREFORE BE IT

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16 **RESOLVED:** That this Convention gratefully accept the reports of the Circuit Counselors; AND BE IT
17 FURTHER

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19 **RESOLVED:** That the labors of these men be recognized by the South Dakota district as work well
20 done; AND BE IT FINALLY

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22 **RESOLVED:** That this Convention show its appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-08 (CW, pp. 108-112)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** RECOGNITION AND THANKS FOR THE SPECIAL MINISTRIES OF SD LUTHERANS
4 FOR LIFE, ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN, AND MAIN STREET LIVING

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6 **WHEREAS,** The theme of the Fifty-Eighth Convention of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran
7 Church – Missouri Synod is “Called into Partnership”; AND

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9 **WHEREAS,** The South Dakota Lutherans For Life, Orphan Grain Train, and Main Street Living, have
10 been vital partners in the work and ministry of The South Dakota District; AND

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12 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Lynette Auch, Ms. Jeanette Stensland, and Mr. Dutch TeSlaa have submitted
13 reports of activities of the South Dakota Lutherans For Life, Orphan Grain Train, and
14 Main Street Living to the Convention of this District (see pp. 108-112 of the Convention
15 Workbook); THEREFORE BE IT

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17 **RESOLVED:** That we thank God for the service of the South Dakota Lutherans For Life, Orphan Grain
18 Train, and Main Street Living to our District and Synod; AND BE IT FINALLY

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20 **RESOLVED:** That we encourage our congregations and all men and women of the District to be
21 generous in supporting these ministries with their time, talents, and treasures.

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-09 (CW, pp. 20-25)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** TO THANK THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

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5 **WHEREAS,** The Reverend Dale L. Sattgast has provided our District with faithful pastoral leadership
6 during the past triennium, AND

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8 **WHEREAS,** The District President has shared his thoughts with us of what it means to be “Called Into
9 Partnership” in his Convention report, in his articles in the Lutheran Witness and District
10 Newsletter, in his visitations and preaching in many congregations for special occasions,
11 and in his presence and leadership in many District meet meetings; THEREFORE BE IT

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13 **RESOLVED:** That we thank the Reverend Dale L. Sattgast for his faithful pastoral leadership, AND BE
14 IT FURTHER

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16 **RESOLVED:** That we accept our District President’s Report with thanks, AND BE IT FINALLY

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18 **RESOLVED:** That we give thanks to God for His servant, the Reverend Dale L. Sattgast by rising and
19 singing:

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21 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
22 Curb those who by deceit of sword
23 Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
24 And bring to naught all He has done.

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26 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
27 For You are Lord of lords alone;
28 Defend Your holy Church that we
29 May sing Your praise eternally.

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31 O Comforter of priceless worth,
32 Send peace and unity on earth;
33 Support us in our final strife
34 And lead us out of death to life.

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1 **RESOLUTION: 3-10 (CW, pp. 168ff)**

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3 **SUBJECT:** APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESENCE AND PRESENTATION OF THE CONVENTION
4 ESSAYIST

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6 **WHEREAS,** The delegates and guests at the Fifty-Eighth Convention of the South Dakota District of
7 The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod have gained much insight and growth through the
8 essay shared by the Reverend Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig; THEREFORE BE IT

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10 **RESOLVED:** That we thank the Reverend Dr. Raymond L. Hartwig for his work and time in preparing
11 and presenting at the Convention, and that we do so by singing:

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13 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
14 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
15 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
16 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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RESOLUTION: 3-11 (Overture 3-03, CW, pp. 144-145)

SUBJECT: TO REQUEST REVIEW OF CORPORATE SYNOD COMPENSATION PRACTICES

WHEREAS, Concern has been expressed out of love for the Gospel about the compensation practices of corporate Synod; AND

WHEREAS, These are determined by the Board of Directors of Synod; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: The South Dakota District petition the Board of Directors of Synod to review the compensation practices of corporate Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reverend Robert E. Moeller, Jr., Chairman

Reverend Kevin Vogts

Mr. Jim Flippin

Mr. Robert Herz

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1 **RESOLUTION:** 3-12

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3 **SUBJECT:** TO MEMORIALIZE THE SYNOD CONCERNING TASK FORCE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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5 **WHEREAS,** In 2005 President Gerald Kieschnick appointed a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synodical
6 Structure and Governance (Task Force); AND

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8 **WHEREAS,** The Task Force's preliminary proposals of August, 2008 were far-reaching in scope and
9 significant in import; AND

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11 **WHEREAS,** Experience teaches that maximum attention must be given to detail and wording in
12 making adjustments or changes that impinge on structure; AND

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14 **WHEREAS,** The Synod would do well to proceed with prayerful and appropriate care in considering
15 any such changes; THEREFORE BE IT

16
17 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District memorialize the Synod not to adopt any of the Task
18 Force's recommendations unless the Task Force has made available the precise
19 language it proposes for any and all Constitution and Bylaw changes, as well as the
20 complete text of any enabling resolutions that the Task Force may propose to help
21 implement the change it advocates; AND BE IT FINALLY

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23 **RESOLVED:** That the South Dakota District respectfully requests that the Task Force's final report be
24 posted on the Synod's website immediately after the Task Force submits its final report,
25 so that it may be available for maximum study and scrutiny throughout the Synod prior to
26 the convention.

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