

Report on 2008 Resolutions

Resolution 2008-01: Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible Initiative

Recommended Action: Encouraged all congregations to be Book of Faith congregations.

Action: No specific action was required; many congregations are Book of Faith congregations; the Book of Faith Task Force, led by Rev. Jay Dahlvang have been active in the synod and have planned a Book of Faith event for the synod in the fall.

Resolution 2008-02: Advocating for Peace

Recommended Action: Encouraged congregations to pray for and encourage those serving in the military and their families; encouraged members of the synod to write to their congressional representatives and senators to encourage peace initiative; and to encourage the Executive Committee to consider the theme of peace and justice for the 2009 synod assembly.

Action: The 2009 Synod Assembly theme – God’s work, our hands...Unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace – presents a theme center on peace and justice through worship, Bible study, workshops and the keynote address.

Resolutions

Resolutions on Human Sexuality Documents

The final proposed social statement on human sexuality, Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust, and the Report, and Recommendation on Ministry Policies were finalized and released by the ELCA Church Council on April 2.

Resolutions on these documents are being accepted April 2 through 4:30 p.m. on April 20. Because these resolutions will not all be received and released in time for the Pre-Assembly Report, voting members are expected to check back at www.semnsynod.org/assembly.html the week prior to Synod Assembly to download the remaining resolutions.

Resolutions on the social statement and policy recommendations received during this time frame will *not* be considered late resolutions. Any resolutions on these documents received after 4:30 p.m., April 20 will be treated as late resolutions.

Late Resolutions

Other resolutions were submitted after the deadline. Check www.semnsynod.org/assembly.html for the text of these resolutions. Note that these will be treated as specified by the synod’s constitution, which says the following regarding late resolutions:

S7.34.C05 The Synod Assembly may allow an exception to the submission deadline of S7.34.B05 [resolution deadline] provided...the Synod Assembly, by motion passed by majority vote, specifically orders that such late resolution be placed on the Synod Assembly agenda.

