

Resolutions Process and Background Information

The resolutions process enables individuals or recognized groups within the synod to bring a request for action from or request for a statement to be made by the Synod Assembly, which is the Synod's highest legislative authority. The Synod Council appoints a Resolutions Committee which meets prior to the Assembly in order to review the resolutions received by the 90-day deadline for proper form, appropriateness of subject and desired action, inclusion of a plan for implementation, and elimination of duplication. The review is reported to the Synod Council and to those who submitted the resolution who may appeal the decisions of the Resolutions Committee to the Synod Council. The Resolutions Committee for this Assembly has done its preliminary work and declines to make any recommendations for action for any of these resolutions so that the Assembly as a whole may debate and decide the issues that are being presented to it. If the Secretary of the Synod receives any resolutions after the 90-day deadline, they will also be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee but will be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the Assembly. Any resolutions, which are not considered by the Assembly due to lack of time, are referred to the Synod Council for action.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION
For consideration by the Pacifica Synod Assembly, May 18-20, 2006
Submission deadline February 17, 2006

Title: Honoring 100 Years of Lutheran Campus Ministry

Origin/Sponsors: Lutheran Campus Ministry Board at San Diego State University and Campus Pastor Molly Knutson-Keller

Whereas 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the United States;

Whereas the Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Planning Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has designated the theme for the centennial year to be “Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service;”

Whereas the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its 65 Synods recognize 185 campus ministry centers on public universities and private college and university campuses across the United States which are served by lay and ordained campus ministers;

Whereas more than 600 congregations located near college and university campuses welcome, serve and nurture those from the academic settings or their locale;

Whereas the mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry states, “Campus ministry of the ELCA invites peoples in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples;”

Whereas the Lutheran Church in Pacifica Synod has supported Lutheran Campus Ministry continuously for over 50 years;

Whereas the Pacifica Synod designates a large share of its financial resources to the pooled fund for campus ministry in the Tri-Synod state of California which helps support the ministry centers at San Diego State University, University of Southern California, University of California Santa Barbara, California Polytechnic University, Stanford, University of California at Berkeley, University of California at Davis, Cal State University at Fresno, California State University Monterey Bay, University of California Santa Cruz, California State University Sonoma;

Whereas more than 450,000 students are currently enrolled in colleges, universities and community colleges in California;

Whereas the Lutheran Church recognizes that our forebear in faith, Fr. Dr. Martin Luther, served to advance faith and the intellectual life as he fulfilled his vocation as a professor at the University of Wittenberg;

Whereas the early mission activity of Lutheran immigrants to the United States included the establishment of universities to advance the Christian faith, stimulate intellectual life, contribute to the well-being of the culture and its potential, and remain connected to the heritage from which Lutheran immigrants sprang;

Therefore be it resolved that the Pacifica Synod, the congregations that comprise it and all the ministries of the synod recognize 2007 as the year to celebrate the 100-year heritage of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the United States;

Be it further resolved that congregations of the Pacifica Synod find ways to make known the value of Lutheran Campus Ministry to their members and encourage college-bound students to participate in the furtherance of faith through Lutheran Campus Ministry;

Be it further resolved that faculty and university staff whose vocations are lived on college and university campuses are encouraged in their ministries of teaching, research and administration and that their unique intellectual contributions are welcomed in the congregations and structures of the Pacifica Synod;

Be it further resolved that new and increased ways – including but not limited to funding – are found to support through Lutheran Campus ministry the work of students, faculty, university staff, and campus ministries in our synod and region;

Be it further resolved that alumni/ae of Lutheran Campus Ministry and all interested persons be encouraged to participate in the Pacifica Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Celebration on April 29, 2007 hosted by Lutheran Campus Ministry at San Diego State University;

Be it further resolved that Sunday, April 29, 2007 be designated as Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Sunday in the Pacifica Synod.

Resolution for Synod Assembly 2006

Grabbing Hunger by the Roots - Networking Together Against Hunger

Whereas: The issue of hunger in the world continues to challenge the church to find ways to respond with compassion and justice...

Whereas: The Biblical mandate to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God” and speak for those who have no voice is clear and urgent...

Whereas: Bread for the World (whose president is a Lutheran pastor) continues to urge Christians to write letters as well as emails and faxes to elected government representatives on behalf of hungry people, and provides helpful material for Letter Writing Campaigns in congregations...

Whereas: Lutheran World Relief in partnership with Equal Exchange has invited all Lutheran parishes to adopt the Lutheran Coffee Project which enables them to offer Free Trade Coffee to members and friends, which in turn helps farmers overseas earn a fair share of income from the crop they grow and gain access to health care, education, training programs and credit...

Therefore be it resolved that...

- a. All congregations of the Pacifica Synod seriously consider designating one Sunday in the coming year (2006-2007) as Letter Writing Sunday, and if desired write or call for the packet of information from Bread for the World, 1-800-82-Bread; 50 F Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001.
- b. All congregations of the Pacifica Synod seriously consider adopting the LWF Coffee Project offering Free Trade Coffee to members and friends. And if desired order information from 1-800-LWR-LWR-2 or 718-830-0303
- c. All congregations of the Pacifica Synod seriously consider the use of the season of **Lent in 2007** to remember the poor and hungry in our world, and if desired use material being prepared and offered by the Synod Hunger and Housing Ministry Team, or other material appropriate and helpful in advocating for the poor.
- d. All lay delegates and Pastors at this Assembly pass this resolution on to the appropriate social concerns committee and/or church council in their churches for their consideration and action, and let the Hunger and Housing Ministry Team know of their intention and requests for assistance as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted: Pacifica Synod Hunger and Housing Ministry Team
Elizabeth Corrow and Herman Vandenbosch, Co-Chairs

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PACIFICA SYNOD COUNCIL

The following are submitted by the Synod Council
as recommendations for assembly action.

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Compensation Guidelines for Rostered Leaders of the Pacifica Synod

The Pacifica Synod Council recommends to the 2006 Synod Assembly for approval a three per-cent (3 %) increase in the Baseline Salary for Rostered Leaders (Pastors, Associates in Ministry and Diaconal Ministers) of the Pacifica Synod for the year 2007. The synod council encourages congregations use Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work, Augsburg Fortress 2003, from the Congregational LEADER Series in their annual ministry review. Reproducible tools included in the book can be downloaded at www.augsburgfortress.org/CLS.

Proposed changes to the Pacifica Synod Constitution/Bylaws:

All changes shown with a ~~strikethrough~~ to show text to be deleted and **underlined bold italic** type to reflect text to be added.

S3.01.02 The following congregations affiliated with this church shall be deemed to be within the territory of this synod for all purposes: St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Whittier, California; Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whittier, California; Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Whittier, California; Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Claremont, California; ~~First Lutheran Church, Pomona, California;~~ and Prince of Peace, La Mirada.

S9.03 There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the Synod Council to serve **for one year, effective January 1, including** ~~for~~ each regular meeting of the Synod Assembly at which elections requiring nominations from the Nominating Committee are to be held. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee, provided that the nominees meet the inclusivity qualifications, if any, established by the Synod Council. (See S9.04.01)

S9.04.01 There shall be a Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force, separate from the Synod Nominating Committee, who shall present to the Synod Assembly nominees for the office of bishop.

b. Appointments to the Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force shall be approved by the Synod Council at its ~~winter~~ **spring** council meeting ~~two~~ **one** years prior to the Synod Assembly year in which a Synod bishop is to be elected.

c. The Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force will assure that the Synod bishop election procedures are printed in the Synodical newsletter ~~each~~ **the** year preceding the Synod bishop election.

S9.04.02 During the year in which a bishop is to be elected, each Conference of the Synod described in the bylaws shall be requested to submit to the Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force **up to** ~~5-12~~ names of ordained ministers of the ELCA as potential candidates for Synod bishop.

Delete all of existing S9.04.04 and replace with the following:

S9.04.04 **At the Synod Assembly in which a bishop is to be elected, the slate of Synod Bishop nominees shall be presented to the Assembly at the first business meeting following the opening of the Assembly. The first ballot in the election of a bishop shall not be limited to the names proposed by the Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force. Voting members of the Assembly who intend to vote on the first ballot for a candidate who has not been included in the prior nominating process may, on the first day of the Assembly, submit to the task force a completed copy of the approved**

biographical information form for duplication and distribution to the voting members prior to the second ballot.

- a. On the first ballot, three fourths (3/4) of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election. If no election results, the first ballot shall be considered the nominating ballot and all names will be forwarded to the second ballot. Persons desiring to have their names removed from the second ballot for bishop shall indicate their desire, in writing, to the chairperson of the Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force by a time designated by the Synod Assembly and prior to the preparation of the Second Ballot for the election of a Bishop
- b. On the second ballot three fourths (3/4) of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- c. The third ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot. Two thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- d. Prior to the third ballot, a question and answer period, not to exceed one hour, shall be held. The Synod Bishop Nominating Task Force will provide up to seven questions to be submitted to each nominee for their response. The order in which each candidate receives the question shall be rotated in such a manner as to allow each candidate a "first response".
- e. The fourth ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) whose names received the greatest number of votes on the third ballot. Sixty percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- f. Prior to the casting of the fourth ballot, the three persons (plus ties) whose names will appear on the fourth ballot, may each address the Assembly for no more than five minutes.
- g. Subsequent ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus) ties whose names received the greatest number of legal votes on the fourth ballot. A majority of legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.
- h. Once the balloting for the office of Synod Bishop has begun, the Assembly shall not adjourn until a Synod Bishop is elected.

S10.03. f. Fill vacancies that occur up to January 1 until the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly except as may otherwise be provided in the constitution or bylaws of this synod, and determine the fact of the incapacity of an officer or other member of the Synod Council of the synod. Vacancies occurring after January 1 will be filled at the next regular meeting of the Synod Assembly.

S10.04. Any proposal to appropriate funds, whether by amendment to the budget or otherwise, which is presented to a meeting of the Synod Assembly without the prior approval of the Synod Council shall be immediately referred to the Synod Council

for an opinion and report prior to any debate or action by the Synod Assembly. **Any amendment(s) shall require a two-thirds vote by the Assembly.**

S12.01.01

This synod shall be subdivided into ten conferences. Three conferences shall consist of congregations in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Three conferences shall consist of congregations in Orange County. Three conferences shall consist of congregations in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The tenth conference shall consist of the State of Hawaii. A congregation which is affiliated with this synod, but not located within the territory of this synod, shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be a part of the conference to which it is geographically closest as determined by the Synod Council. (See S3.01.02). The conferences shall be organized and function pursuant to these guidelines:

e. Each conference shall have a dean who shall be an ordained minister under call on the roster of this synod with his/her principle place of ministry within the conference. The dean shall be elected by the conference according to its organizational documents and may serve as the conference clergy representative on synod council. In addition to such other responsibilities as may be delegated to the dean by the conference, the dean shall:

- 1) assist the bishop in providing pastoral care and leadership to the congregations, institutions, agencies within the conference, the ordained ministers within the conference, ~~and~~ the associates in ministry, **and diaconal ministers** within the conference;
- 2) confer regularly with the bishop of this synod regarding the pastoral care and leadership being provided to the conference, its congregations, institutions, agencies, its ordained ministers, ~~and~~ its associates in ministry, **and its diaconal ministers**;
- 3) facilitate the interpretation of the mission and ministry of this synod and this church to the congregations, institutions, agencies within the conference, and similarly facilitate the interpretation of the mission and ministry of the conference to this synod and the ELCA; and
- 4) facilitate the regular convening of groups of ordained ministers under call and serving in this conference, ~~and~~ groups of active associates in ministry serving in the conference, **and groups of active diaconal ministers** for the purpose of peer support, working together in ministry, and continuing theological education.

†S17.04.

When **a** component or beneficiary of a synod has a disagreement on a substantive issue that it cannot resolve, it may address an appeal to the synodical bishop and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. In this case, the decision of the Executive Committee shall prevail, except that upon the motion of a member of the Synod Council, the decision shall be referred to the Synod Council for final action.

The following recommended amendment to the Constitution for Synods may be adopted by the Synod Assembly on a majority vote at one assembly under *S18.12.:

S7.26. This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of mission settings formed with the intent of becoming chartered congregations and authorized worshipping communities of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21. ~~Such authorized~~ Authorized worshipping communities, acknowledged under criteria, policies, and procedures of ~~the ELCA Division for Outreach and~~ approved by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.

Synod Council Resolution

IN THANKSGIVING FOR 100 YEARS OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

WHEREAS, Lutheran Campus Ministry of the ELCA will celebrate its centennial anniversary in the United States during 2007, the first campus pastor, Howard Gold, having been called to the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1907; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Campus Ministry, among its many contributions to the church, **is a primary arena for identifying, encouraging, and equipping future leaders of the church**, including those who will enter rostered leadership and those who will serve congregations as council members, officers and ministry leaders, and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Campus Ministry is an integral mission of our church to the highly unchurched young adult population on campus, dependent primarily upon funding from synods and the national church, and supplemented by contributions from alumni and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Campus Ministry in California, Northern Nevada, and Hawaii is blessed to have campus ministries at San Diego State University; the University of Southern California; California Polytechnic University and Cuesta College; the University of California-Santa Barbara; Fresno State University; the University of California-Davis; Stanford University; the University of California-Santa Cruz; Sacramento Area Campus Ministries; the University of California-Berkeley; and California State University-Monterey Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Pacifica Synod currently provides just under \$1 per baptized member in support of campus ministry; therefore be it

RESOLVED that each congregation of the Pacifica Synod be encouraged to provide an additional second mile gift of \$1 per baptized member in celebration of campus ministry during the 2007 centenary year.

Submitted by the Tri-Synod Board for Lutheran Campus Ministry
Dr. David Nesvig, President