

# ACTIONS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS

## AT THE 2006 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The following resolution from Pastor Peter Bredlau passed as submitted

**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 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**, the core funding of campus ministry provided by the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and the ELCA is generous but unable to keep up with the basic needs of campus ministries, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is home to 27 campus ministries at public and private schools; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod designate 2007 for special recognition and celebration of Lutheran Campus Ministry within the synod; and be it further,

**RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, at its 2007 Assembly, celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry, including, but not limited to:

- A recognition of our campus ministries during the opening worship service
- A session dedicated to campus ministry during a workshop time
- A recognition of the Synod's partnership with Project Connect, a program to reach college-aged students for rostered ministry, with the Campus Ministry Affinity Group from the synod providing coordination and resources for these and other activities that may be deemed appropriate; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that a special offering - designated for Lutheran Campus Ministry - be received at the 2007 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly with each congregation of the synod encouraged to contribute at least \$ 100 as a thank offering to ensure the next century of Lutheran Campus Ministry.

**The following resolution from Pr. H. H. Gifford, Judith J. Gifford, Bruce Hill, Diana J. Hill, AiM, Pr. Bruce D. MacLaughlin, Dorothea A. MacLaughlin, Karen S. Matthias-Long, AiM, Kenneth Miller, Ruth T. Miller, AiM, Pr. Daniel A. Shook, and Pr. Jay Wetzel passed as submitted**

**WHEREAS** to affirm one's baptism is "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth" (Lutheran Book of Worship, pg. 201); and

**WHEREAS** Micah 6:8 states: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (NRSV); and

**WHEREAS** Jesus said, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me" (Matthew 25:40, CEV); and

**WHEREAS** our father in the faith, Martin Luther, maintained that civil authority was ordained by God and encouraged us to live out our God-given vocation in the world; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that this assembly call upon every member and every

congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to join with all Christians in taking up political responsibility as their faith and conscience demand; and to work faithfully, with all persons of good will, as God has been faithful to us in Christ to seek human well-being on earth; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that every member and every congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be encouraged to learn the process by which our local, state, and federal governments operate; and determine how we can be involved in decision making in order to participate in the political process; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that every member of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be urged to exercise his or her electoral privilege as a follower of Christ.

**The following resolution of thanks from the Committee of Reference and Counsel passed with applause**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly took action in Wilkes-Barre on May 19-20, 2006, and

**WHEREAS**, our loving Lord called us once more to share the old, old story of God's love, therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that we give thanks for all of the people and gifts that made this another award-winning assembly:

- Our bishop, David Strobel (the one with the good hair), for leading us

again with unfailing grace and good humor.

- Phil Harris, for reminding us of our place in the wider church, and for sharing his tips on inter-Lutheran relationships.
- The leaders of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Mission District, who worked so hard to see to the countless details of hosting this assembly, even managing to heed Jesus' words, "Those who have ears, let them hear."

- The Pulpiteers, who managed to make parliamentary procedure entertaining.
- The staff of Bear Creek Camp, who gave us a warm welcome on a chilly evening.
- Our musicians and worship leaders, for sharing their high spirits and lively faith.
- The representatives of ministry teams, committees, institutions and agencies, who invited us to learn about and be a part of their work.
- The rostered leaders celebrating anniversaries, for sharing their stories of trains, snow storms and

motorcycle rides, as well as for being living witnesses to the meaning of discipleship.

- All of the ushers, tellers, planners and staff, who work behind the scenes making our work together possible.
- And above all, our loving Lord, who blesses the whole church, the vine and the branches, empowers us for growth, and sends us forth to tell the story. **Thanks be to God!**

# ACTION

*Sharing the Story of God's Love*

