

## **Memorial 2017-07**

**Subject:** *Continuing education requirement for positions that exercise authority over a congregation*

Floor Committee #13

- WHEREAS 1) learning God's Word is the core of any Christian life; and
- WHEREAS 2) continuing education requirements are a common practice today with examples including nurses and other medical occupations, teachers, CPAs, child care providers, pest controllers, plumbers, and military personnel; and
- WHEREAS 3) decisions made with adequate biblical knowledge are critical for the future of the synod and individual congregations; therefore be it
- Resolved, a) that positions that exercise authority over a given congregation, such as elders, board members, committee chairs, and voters will be required to take part in continuing education; and be it further
- Resolved, b) that continuing education will consist of an online format with multiple choice questions at the end (80 percent pass rule); and be it further
- Resolved, c) that the synod will provide an alternate method of testing if a given individual is not comfortable with the online format; and be it further
- Resolved, d) that required units per year will be determined according to the responsibility of the position; and be it finally
- Resolved, e) that only those male members who accumulated the required units can fill the corresponding position.

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