

Floor Committee 10: Finance and Budget

**Subject: Congregation Mission Offering (CMO) increase**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 93-112

Resolution No. 02

WHEREAS 1) the ministry financial plan for the 2015-17 biennium sets our synod on a course of careful expansion as we partner in our worldwide mission; and

WHEREAS 2) the 2015-17 ministry financial plan seeks to sustain current ministry and increase support for synodical workers and further missions, even though the 8-year CMO trend has not met the pace of inflation; and

WHEREAS 3) the WELS Long-Range Plan calls for congregations to increase the percentage of their support for the work of the synod through Congregational Mission Offerings (CMO) from seven percent of the congregation's budget to ten percent or more with 100% of congregations participating (92 percent in 2010); and

WHEREAS 4) the ministry plan's goals are based on a one percent increase in Congregation Mission Offerings in each of the calendar years 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS 5) being *One in Christ*, we marvel that the Lord gives us the privilege of using our earthly treasure to joyfully pursue his eternal mission together; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we thank the Lord for the work that the Conference of Presidents does in encouraging congregations to support our synod's ministry plan; and be it further

Resolved, b) that we encourage the congregations of our synod to prayerfully consider the ministry opportunities that lie before us, offering thanks to the Lord for the privilege to serve; and be it finally

Resolved, c) that we encourage the congregations of our synod to prayerfully consider increasing their support of our synodical mission in order to achieve the goals of the ministry plan.

Pastor Heath Butler, chairman

Teacher John Meyer, secretary

**ADOPTED**