

Floor Committee 13: Board for Ministerial Education

Subject: Student Debt

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 148

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) We thank God for the unique blessings of our three-tiered ministerial education system; and

WHEREAS 2) educational debt averages over \$20,000 for nearly three quarters of the MLC graduating class; and

WHEREAS 3) the increases made to tuition assistance have not been able to keep pace with the increase in cost of education; and

WHEREAS 4) the harvest is plentiful and the need for workers is great; and

WHEREAS 5) the fear of excessive student debt may cause some to choose a vocation other than ministry; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we commend our Ministerial Education schools for their efforts to maximize available resources for preparing future public ministers; and be it further

Resolved, b) that we commend all of our Ministerial Education schools for continuing to develop and provide personal financial education to their students; and be it further

Resolved, c) that we commend our Ministerial Education schools for their commitment to control student debt load; and be it further

Resolved, d) that we encourage our Ministerial Education schools to continue to communicate and work in concert with the synod in addressing this issue of student debt; and be it finally

Resolved, e) that we encourage our Board for Ministerial Education to make reduction of student educational debt a key priority.

Pastor Jason Zahn, chairman

Teacher Dale Rundgren, secretary

ADOPTED