

Floor Committee 02: Conference of Presidents

**Subject: New Teacher Induction**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 14

Resolution No. 06

WHEREAS 1) the Sixty-first Biennial Convention of WELS adopted the resolution “that the assignment of Martin Luther College (MLC) teacher candidates be accompanied by a system of new teacher induction (2011 Proceedings, p. 60); and

WHEREAS 2) a formal system of new teacher induction extends synod-wide under the direction of the New Teacher Induction Coordinator at MLC together with the Conference of Presidents and the Commission on Lutheran Schools; and

WHEREAS 3) the benefits of New Teacher Induction apply to every beginning teacher in WELS schools; and

WHEREAS 4) not every beginning WELS teacher enters ministry as the result of assignment from Martin Luther College; and

WHEREAS 5) in practice every beginning WELS teacher, regardless of ministry entry point, is enrolled in the synod's two-year New Teacher Induction program; and

WHEREAS 6) the wording of the resolution of the Sixty-first Biennial Convention of WELS does not reflect the intent of that convention, nor actual practice within our schools; therefore be it

Resolved, that all beginning teachers in WELS schools be supported by a system of new teacher induction as directed by the Conference of Presidents, the Commission on Lutheran Schools, and the New Teacher Induction Coordinator.

Pastor Brad Bode, chairman

Teacher Randy Cochran, secretary

**ADOPTED**