

Floor Committee 04: Ministry of Christian Giving

Subject: Ministry of Christian Giving

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 27-29

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) the Ministry of Christian Giving (MCG) performs vital work by utilizing gospel-centered, personal and practical tools in order to assist and encourage Christians to grow in the grace of giving; and

WHEREAS 2) growth in Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) is needed to maintain current synodical ministry efforts and to address unfunded priorities; and

WHEREAS 3) retiring the current synodical debt of \$4.7 million by July of 2016 (utilizing the “One in Christ” offering) will free up \$1.6 million each year for funding mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS 4) the Conference of Presidents (COP) will conduct a review of the structure and day-to-day functioning of the MCG with the goal of optimizing its efforts; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we thank the Lord for the faithful labor of the MCG office and counselors, asking the Spirit’s continued blessing on their work; and be it further

Resolved, b) that we encourage all congregations to utilize the tools provided by the MCG as they plan their CMO; and be it further

Resolved, c) that we encourage all congregations to participate in the “One in Christ” debt retirement offering by giving an over-and-above offering to this effort; and be it finally

Resolved, d) that we urge the MCG to work wholeheartedly with the COP in the upcoming review of the MCG’s work, striving with an openness to all ideas and suggestions to optimize its valuable work.

Pastor Robert Koester, chairman

Pastor Jonathan Micheel, secretary

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