

Floor Committee 09: Christian Aid and Relief

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Reference: BORAM Pages 80-81; 90-91;

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) the Scriptures encourage "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10); and

WHEREAS 2) WELS Christian Aid and Relief exists to "do good" by providing disaster relief and humanitarian aid to people around the world in areas served by WELS ministries; and

WHEREAS 3) Christian Aid and Relief has shown admirable creativity in partnering with other WELS agencies to further the Gospel's cause; and

WHEREAS 4) recent earthquakes in Nepal and floods in Malawi remind us that significant opportunities for humanitarian work in Christ's Name will continue until his return; and

WHEREAS 5) Christian Aid and Relief is funded completely outside of the WELS budget through special gifts from God's people as they express their faith in love; and

WHEREAS 6) the work of Christian Aid and Relief around the world, within our own country, and often in individual homes is relatively unknown to the constituency of WELS; therefore be it

Resolved a) that we thank the LORD for the work he is doing through the ongoing work of Christian Aid and Relief; and be it further

Resolved b) that we commend Christian Aid and Relief for their compassion-filled creativity in building bridges to the gospel; and be it further

Resolved c) that we encourage every WELS congregation to make use of the communication materials produced by Christian Aid and Relief (e.g. *Lifeline* videos, website, promotional materials for WELS schools, etc.); and be it finally

Resolved d) that the WELS in convention encourage each WELS congregation to consider increasing their support of Christian Aid and Relief in tangible ways thus allowing more of our members to express their Christian love through the mission and ministry of WELS - above and beyond the deeds of kindness they do in their own communities.

Pastor Aaron Christie, chairman

Pastor Robert Gurgel, secretary

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