

Floor Committee 21: Ad Hoc Commission 2

Subject: Topic Two: WELS convention delegate preparation

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 187, 188

Resolution No. 02

WHEREAS 1) the twelve districts of synod presently have no uniform way of preparing delegates for their important roles at WELS convention; and

WHEREAS 2) there is great value in thorough delegate preparation for a synod convention; and

WHEREAS 3) the Ad Hoc Commission 2 (ACH2) recommendation of having delegates serve in two consecutive conventions may have the unintended consequence of limiting the opportunities of called workers to serve as delegates at the synod convention; and

WHEREAS 4) finding and organizing all delegates to serve at two consecutive conventions may tax logistical feasibility; and

WHEREAS 5) technology may be utilized to enhance delegate preparation; and

WHEREAS 6) the proposed recommendation does not address the issue of delegate preparation, especially for first-time delegates; therefore be it

Resolved, a) the synod in convention reject the AHC2 recommendation that delegates serve at two consecutive conventions; and be it further

Resolved, b) the synod in convention direct the Conference of Presidents to investigate the use of technology (e.g. webinars and training DVDs) in addition to other methods to assist the districts in their preparation of delegates for the synod convention; and be it further

Resolved, c) that the delegates be surveyed after the 2017 synod convention to help determine the effectiveness of the preparation process, and be it finally

Resolved, d) that each individual district continue to strive for excellence in delegate preparation.

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