

Floor Committee 21: Ad Hoc Commission 2

**Subject: Topic 7 - Early childhood leadership training**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 191

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS 1) the Ad Hoc Commission 2 (AHC2) studied the growing need in our church body for strong, well prepared, and highly capable leaders for early childhood ministry (ECM), specifically the issue of how we prepare early childhood directors for their work; and

WHEREAS 2) the AHC2 study revealed a need for WELS congregations to have a well-defined ECM mission and purpose that is a part of the overall mission of the church and that the congregation, its leaders, and the ECM staff understand that purpose and support it; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the synod in convention support the AHC2 recommendation to encourage congregations of WELS that have an early childhood ministry to review their ECM mission and purpose and to provide adequate support to carry them out, especially regarding the director position; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that the synod in convention support the AHC2 recommendation to encourage congregations of WELS that wish to add an early childhood ministry program to have a clearly defined ECM mission and purpose that flows from and supports the mission of the church and that members, church leaders, and ECM staff understand them and support them.

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