

Floor Committee 22: Miscellaneous Resolutions

Subject: WELS Name Change

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 202 and Unprinted Memorial (2015-06)

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) the identity of our church body is recognized around the world as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod; and

WHEREAS 2) we need to let our light shine and explain our identity as confessors of Christ and as confessional Lutherans; and

WHEREAS 3) there will be complicated legalities for our synod, our missions, and individual congregations (e.g. leases, property, missionary visas, tax exemptions, and donor reporting, etc.) if we change our legal name; and

WHEREAS 4) there will be an uncertain, but significant expense in changing our name; and

WHEREAS 5) we want to use our resources, time, and treasures to spread the gospel; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we keep our name Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod; and be it finally,

Resolved, b) that we boldly share our heritage of proclaiming full and free forgiveness in Christ as we have through previous generations.

Pastor Robert Dick, chairman

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