

Floor Committee 02: Conference of Presidents

Subject: WELS TLC (Translation Liaison Committee)

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 21-23

Resolution No. 05

WHEREAS 1) the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB) was one of the three most highly regarded Bible translations recommended by the WELS Translation Evaluation Committee (TLC) in its report to the 2013 convention; and

WHEREAS 2) some WELS pastors who participated in the review of the HCSB in 2012 were “quite enthusiastic about the HCSB,” whereas others “considered the HCSB to be in need of further revision and polishing” (2013 BORAM, p. 74); and

WHEREAS 3) the HCSB is in the process of completing a revision that will be released sometime in the next years, with the exact date undisclosed; and

WHEREAS 4) the HCSB invited the WELS Translation Liaison Committee (TLC) to submit recommendations to be considered in this revision, and the TLC submitted 56 pages of “global recommendations” and 1,031 recommendations on individual passages; and

WHEREAS 5) the HCSB Oversight Committee, which includes two Lutherans, considered all of the TLC recommendations and has given indication that some of the TLC recommendations will perceptibly influence the final product, therefore be it

Resolved, a) that when the revision of the HCSB appears, the Conference of Presidents direct a synod-wide review to take place, coordinated either by the TLC or a new committee appointed for that purpose; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that the results be shared with the 2017 WELS convention if possible or with the 2019 convention, if necessary.

Pastor Brad Bode, chairman

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ADOPTED