

Floor Committee 19: Christian Aid and Relief

**Subject: Christian Aid and Relief**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p.90-92

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 continued to show admirable creativity in partnering with other WELS agencies; and

WHEREAS 4) ongoing needs from past earthquakes in Nepal and floods in Malawi, as well as storm damage in Vietnam and Texas remind us that there will always be abundant opportunities for humanitarian work in Christ’s name; and

WHEREAS 5) the work of Christian Aid and Relief around the world, within our own country, and often in individual homes may be unknown to some WELS members; 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 encourage Christian Aid and Relief to continue their creative efforts to inform WELS members about the wonderful work being done (e.g. through continued use of social media and sending information concerning Lifeline videos to all pastors and information about promotional kits to all schools); and be it further

Resolved, c) that we encourage Christian Aid and Relief to continue to find creative ways for WELS members to express their love through giving (e.g. social media links to donate, and perhaps finding ways to be included in their employer's annual charitable contribution drive), and be it further

Resolved, d) 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, e) that WELS in convention encourage WELS congregations and individuals 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 that they do in their own communities.

Dr. Michael Brooks, chairman

Pastor Steven Lockman, secretary

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