

Floor Committee 04: Commission on Inter-Church Relations

Subject: Joint Statement Regarding Termination of Fellowship

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 29-31

Resolution No. 04

WHEREAS 1) since the establishment of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) in 1960, there has been much discussion about the history behind the formation of the CLC and the precise nature of the differences that have separated the CLC from the ELS and WELS; and

WHEREAS 2) God desires that we agree on the doctrinal principles of God's Word and commit ourselves to implementing those principles in our church life; and

WHEREAS 3) agreement on the doctrine of fellowship would be a necessary first step toward the restoration of God-pleasing fellowship relations; and

WHEREAS 4) the Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship accurately defines the biblical principles; and

WHEREAS 5) the Commission on Inter-Church Relations (CICR) unanimously recommends adoption of the Joint Statement; and

WHEREAS 6) this "Joint Statement," if and when it is adopted by the three synods, will supersede all previous statements or interpretations of previous statements that are in conflict with it; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the WELS adopt the Joint Statement Regarding Termination of Fellowship as an accurate articulation of the biblical principles; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that we encourage the CICR to continue their efforts towards restoration of God-pleasing fellowship relations with the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

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