

Floor Committee 02: Conference of Presidents

**Subject: Conference of Presidents (Committee discussions summary)**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 5-12 / Memorial 2017-01, p. 227

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Our committee commends the Conference of Presidents for their faithful labors for our Savior and Synod. After reading and discussing the report of the Conference of Presidents, our committee has the following encouragements:

- We applaud all efforts in the making of the Synod's ministry plan and we strongly encourage congregations to increase their Congregational Mission Offerings. Among other things, this would reduce the student debt at the ministerial education schools and help with recruitment of future called workers.
- We encourage the Conference of Presidents to consider appointing an ad hoc committee to research and make recommendations on the recruitment of second career candidates for public ministry.
- We appreciate the summary of the special committee that studied the issue of participation in the military chaplaincy program. We encourage the Conference of Presidents to create and make available for the synod a Bible study or doctrinal paper on the teachings of the two kingdoms, divine call, and fellowship as they relate to the military chaplaincy program.

After discussing Memorial 2017-01, *Convention delegate fee*, we recommend that congregations, treasuring the privilege to send delegates to represent them at synod conventions, continue to pay the convention delegate fee and that there be no change to the current system that is in place. We decided to not bring that memorial to the floor for a vote.

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