

Floor Committee 04: Commission on Inter-Church Relations

**Subject: To Declare Formal Fellowship with South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission (SALEM)**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 25-31

Resolution No. 03

WHEREAS 1) the South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission (SALEM) has been formed and exists as an independent confessional church; and

WHEREAS 2) unity in faith between SALEM and WELS has been evidenced by a common commitment to the Holy Scriptures, to the Lutheran Confessions, and to the doctrinal position of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC); and

WHEREAS 3) the Commission on Inter-Church Relations (CICR) unanimously recommends a formal declaration of fellowship and sponsorship of the SALEM in the CELC; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that we thank God for allowing the South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission to be formed as a confessional Lutheran church with whom we enjoy unity in faith and doctrine; and be it further

Resolved, b) that WELS officially declare fellowship with the South Asian Lutheran Evangelical Mission; and be it further

Resolved, c) that WELS sponsor the SALEM as an associate member of the CELC; and be it finally

Resolved, d) that we ask God to give joy and blessing to both of our church bodies through this fellowship.

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Teacher Bradley R. Bendix, secretary

**ADOPTED**