

Floor Committee 02: Conference of Presidents

Subject: Encouraging Education About the Staff Ministry Program

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 157

Resolution No. 04

WHEREAS 1) the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; and

WHEREAS 2) the church is to ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the field; and

WHEREAS 3) the Wisconsin Synod has been uniquely blessed in the development and implementation of the staff ministry program; and

WHEREAS 4) there remain unassigned staff ministry graduates at Martin Luther College and throughout WELS; and

WHEREAS 5) staff ministry is extremely flexible in meeting the ministry needs of a congregation, allowing pastors and teachers to carry on more fully their work as well as expanding gospel work in other areas of the congregation; therefore be it

Resolved, a) that the synod encourage the staff ministry program be more widely publicized among local congregations and schools; and be it finally

Resolved, b) that congregations looking to fill vacancies or seeking to expand ministry be informed by their District President about the benefits and availability of staff ministers.

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