

Floor Committee 16: Christian Aid and Relief

**Subject: Promotion and Awareness**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 71-72

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) 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 natural disasters around the world 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. using social media, sending information concerning Lifeline videos to all pastors, and providing 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 donation links, participation in an employer's annual charitable contribution drives, etc.); and be it further

Resolved, d) that we encourage Christian Aid and Relief to continue to build a database of volunteers and to train and equip congregations in advance regarding how to respond when a disaster strikes; and be it further

Resolved, e) that we encourage every WELS congregation to make use of the communication materials produced by Christian Aid and Relief (e.g., the Life Line video series, website, and promotional materials for WELS schools); and be it finally

Resolved, f) that we encourage WELS congregations and individuals to consider ways they can use their talents and treasures to reflect Christ's love to people in need, to respond to people suffering from natural disasters and financial emergencies, and to use every opportunity to build bridges to proclaim the gospel.

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