

Floor Committee #8: Home Missions

Subject: 100 new missions and 75 new or enhanced ministries in North America

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 182,183

Resolution No. 01

- WHEREAS 1) our God revealed his love for fallen humankind when he promised to send a Savior to redeem and restore Adam and Eve and all their descendants to himself; and
- WHEREAS 2) our God in love kept his promise when “he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16); and
- WHEREAS 3) our God, in the person of the God-Man Jesus Christ, carried out his saving mission by living a perfect life, by suffering and dying to pay for the sins of all people, and then by rising from the dead in glorious victory; and
- WHEREAS 4) our God showed his desire that this good news be proclaimed throughout the world when he gave to his disciples of all time the important responsibility and the joyous privilege of being his ambassadors to carry the message of reconciliation to the world (Matthew 28 and 2nd Corinthians 5); and
- WHEREAS 5) our God has graciously allowed the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to exist as a visible body of believers in Christ so that in 2025 we will be able to celebrate 175 years of his grace to us; and
- WHEREAS 6) Recent times and events around the world, and especially in North America, have revealed once again that many of our fellow citizens, neighbors, friends, and relatives are searching in vain for lasting peace, comfort, stability, and relief from anxieties and fears; and
- WHEREAS 7) we desire to share the good news of forgiveness and deliverance through our Savior Jesus Christ, the one solution for the world’s problems and everyone’s true need for this life and eternity; and
- WHEREAS 8) the Board for Home Missions encourages all of our congregations and members to be mission minded, outreach focused, and aware of the help and encouragement available from WELS Commission on Evangelism to reach with the gospel those in our country previously mentioned (see “Whereas 6”); and
- WHEREAS 9) the establishment of a new mission church in a community is often, by God’s grace and with his blessing, an effective way to reach with the gospel those in our country previously mentioned (see “Whereas 6”) and bring them into our fellowship; therefore be it
- Resolved, that being fully convinced that grace received is grace to share, we commemorate the 175-year milestone of our synod’s history (1850–2025) by challenging ourselves, under God’s grace and with his blessing, to set a goal of establishing 100 new missions and 75 new or enhanced ministries throughout North America over the next 10 years, starting July 1, 2023, under the auspices of Home Missions, working together with WELS areas of ministry and their traditional mission partners.

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