

**Floor Committee #18: Constitutional Matters**

**Subject: Office of the President, Unfunded Priority List**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 177,178

Resolution No. 8

- WHEREAS 1) the requirement for the synod convention to approve an unfunded priority list was originally a component of the previous “decision package” budget model, in which all areas of ministry divided their work into prioritized discrete packages, all of which were requested and some of which were funded; and
- WHEREAS 2) prioritized discrete packages that were not funded were to be put on an unfunded priority list adopted by the convention; and
- WHEREAS 3) in recent years, the unfunded priority list simply became a list of dollar amounts for areas of ministry (e.g. \$100,000 for World Missions, \$100,000 for Home Missions, \$150,000 for Ministerial Education, etc.) rather than specific programs that had already been identified; and
- WHEREAS 4) under these circumstances, there is no purpose or advantage for the synod in convention to adopt a list of vague dollar amounts; and
- WHEREAS 5) if additional funding becomes available, the Synodical Council has the ability to allocate that funding based on the most current pressing needs identified by areas of ministry; and
- WHEREAS 6) ministry needs are always changing, and the Synodical Council already has the authority to make changes to the convention-adopted unfunded priority list; therefore be it
- Resolved, a) that the delegates of the 2021 synod convention approve deleting Section 5.30 (d) and Section 5.30 (g), which deal with the unfunded priority list; and be it finally
- Resolved, b) that the delegates of the 2021 synod convention approve the relettering of Section 5.30 (e) through (h) of the Bylaws to become Section 5.30 (d) through (f).

Pastor Glenn Schwanke, chairman

Pastor Johnold Strey, secretary

**ADOPTED**