

Resolutions

COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-01
SUBJECT: To Encourage "Life Together" Through use of the Word of God and Prayer
REFERENCE: Overtures 1-07, 1-08, CW Overtures pages 8-9

Whereas, the theme for this 100th Michigan District Convention is "IMAGINE... Living as God's Forgiven and Forgiving Family" and was chosen to highlight the "Life Together" aspect of our Synod's three-fold emphasis (Witness, Mercy, and Life Together); and

Whereas, Dr. Luther in his Large Catechism (15-19, Tappert) challenges believers to develop specific spiritual disciplines and practices which would promote a God-fearing, sanctified life; and

Whereas, God invites His people to grow in grace and knowledge through the study of His Word and to remember that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; and

Whereas, God invites and commands us to pray and promises that He will hear and answer; and

Whereas, God the Holy Spirit reminds us "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1); and

Whereas, God the Holy Spirit reminds us that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 6:12); and

Whereas, it is only as God's people, believing the Word and living in obedience to it through the power of the Holy Spirit, "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3), that we can demonstrate that unity, experience many of God's promised blessings, and overcome the spiritual forces of evil; and

Whereas, the Word of God is a Means of Grace by which we are empowered to live as God's people; therefore be it

Resolved, that all delegates at the 2012 Michigan District Convention be encouraged to take the lead in their respective congregation in the area of developing spiritual disciplines; and be it further

Resolved, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to read the Bible on a daily basis and work toward reading the entire Bible annually; and be it further

Resolved, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to develop a discipline of daily prayer time of 30 minutes or more; and be it further

Resolved, that all delegates, and all the members of our congregations, be encouraged to grow in the grace of giving and focus on returning at least 10 percent of what God gives to them back to Him through the local congregation, and be it finally

Resolved, that all delegates diligently work to purposely promote, and daily give thanks for, the unity of the Holy Spirit with which we have been blessed.

ACTION: Adopted

COMMITTEE NAME: THEOLOGY, RELATIONS, AND PRACTICE
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 1-02A
SUBJECT: To Give Careful Consideration to Style of Worship When Starting New Congregations
REFERENCE: Overtures 1-04, 1-09, 1-10, 1-11, CW Overtures pages 4, 10-12

Whereas, all members of Synod have pledged to submit to Scripture, have subscribed to the Confessions, and have signed our constitution; and

Whereas, we are commanded in Scripture, "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3); and

Whereas, Scripture grants Christians a certain freedom in determining how they worship the Lord (Romans 14:5); and