

## RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMITTEE #2 - Schools

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### Thank You:

We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the following:

- Pastor Wade Mobley taking on the role and the workload as Interim Dean,
- Brad & Sarah Bierle for going above-and-beyond in their call in their work on campus,
- Dr. Mark Olson for all of his tireless work and leadership on the accreditation process and seeing it through to completion,
- Dr. Phil Haugen for his years of faithfully teaching and training students in the Word at both Bible School and Seminary,
- Emmaus Free Lutheran Church for their support by sending seminarians to Israel and to Mr. Mike Anenson for leading these trips,
- The WMF for their generous donations and support as they have furnished AFLBS dorm rooms, provided scholarship for our students, and have supported many ministries behind the scenes,
- To you and your generous financial support and prayer for the Schools,
- To the faculty and staff for their continued service.

### Resolutions:

1. WHEREAS there is an ever-increasing cultural drift in the universities and colleges away from the Word of God, AND WHEREAS the AFLC continues to stand firmly on the inerrancy of the Word of God

BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly encourage AFLC Schools to continue in its mission to establish students in the eternal and inerrant Word of God for a life of faith in Jesus Christ and faithful service in His kingdom.

2. WHEREAS there is an ongoing need for more students in Bible School and Seminary,

AND WHEREAS more students in our Bible School and Seminary maybe one of our biggest needs within the AFLC, AND WHEREAS more students in our Bible School and Seminary would also be one of the biggest blessings to our churches, our families, and the communities around us,

BE IT RESOLVED that our pastors and congregations **be encouraged to** actively seek students from our congregations and from our communities who are willing to heed the call to attend the Schools,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Schools Board continue to seek opportunities to facilitate reaching students,

~~AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Schools Board continue to research a more identifiable name for the Association Free Lutheran Bible School.~~

3. WHEREAS approximately \$3.2 million has been raised in support of the Gymnasium/Student Life Center

AND WHEREAS construction has already begun on this endeavor,

BE IT RESOLVED that we continue to encourage our congregations and individuals to faithfully support this project through financial giving and prayerful support.

4. WHEREAS the AFLC Schools are dependent on the people of the AFLC to spread the word and share the benefits of a Bible School education,

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our congregations to promote the Bible School to their students and to support students who choose to attend with financial assistance and prayer.

5. WHEREAS the Board of Trustees requests a subsidy of \$363,871 for the Seminary and \$673,394 for the Bible School for the 2020 calendar year,

BE IT RESOLVED that this subsidy request be approved.

### Prayer:

We ask that congregations and individuals would be in prayer:

- For Pastor Adam Osier as he steps into a new role as AFLBS Dean,
- That the Lord would call more men into pastoral ministry (at least 6-8 per year),
- That the Lord would lead more students to attend AFLBS and that they would graduate living lives of faith in Jesus Christ and faithful service in His kingdom,
- For the Lord to lead and guide in the AFLBS & AFLTS name change process,
- For the faculty members who are pursuing their doctorates,
- For the ongoing ministry of the Summer Teams.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMITTEE #2 SCHOOLS**

Whereas: The Articles of Incorporation of the Free Lutheran Theological Seminary Corporation state: the purpose of this corporation shall be to establish, operate and maintain a Lutheran Theological Seminary and other institutions of Christian education to train pastors and Christian workers on behalf of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

And Whereas: Article III of the By-Laws states: The purpose of these schools is:

1. To train pastors and Christian workers on behalf of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.
2. To serve the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in promoting the concept of free and living congregations with the pastors being the servants of the congregations in accordance with the Scriptures.
3. The schools offer their services to all Lutheran fellowships but specifically relates itself to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, their parent body.

And Whereas: The AFLC Schools administration has been circulating a survey to Alumni of the Schools and Schools Corporation members soliciting feedback on potential name changes for the Schools.

Be It Resolved: The Annual Conference of the AFLC recommends to the AFLC Schools Corporation that the words "Free" and "Lutheran" be maintained in the name of the AFLC Seminary as they faithfully represent the identity of our Seminary as part of the greater AFLC.

Be It Furthered: The Annual Conference of the AFLC recommends to the AFLC Schools Corporation that the words "Free," "Lutheran," and "Bible" be maintained in the name of the AFLC Bible School as they faithfully represent the identity of our Bible School as a part of the greater AFLC.