

Committee #5 Evangelism and Benefits

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Thank You's:

On behalf of the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and Benefits Board, we give thanks to God for the following:

- Pastor Jim Rasmussen and his wife, Jane; Chris Rasmussen; Liz McCarlson; the Coordinating Committee; Lyndon Korhonen; Tonnes Pollestad and all who have assisted the AED this past ministry year;
- Michael Lynnes, who has served for many years as chairman and has done an outstanding job;
- Pastor Earl Korhonen, who has served on the AED Board and provided needed support and wisdom;
- Current serving members of the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and the Benefits Board;
- For a renewed interest in the vision of evangelistic efforts in the AFLC congregations; that they have requested discipleship training and evangelistic speakers for church revival meetings;
- Help In Service (HIS) Fund that has assisted pastors and their families in financial needs in two situations;
- All who support the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and the Benefits Board through prayer support and financial support.

Resolutions:

1. WHEREAS in John 21:15, Jesus said, "Feed My lambs";
AND WHEREAS many churches have no intentional process for personal training designed to disciple and assimilate believers;
AND WHEREAS when disciples make disciples, healthy congregations are a result;
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage every congregation in the AFLC to consider implementing discipleship training for the laity in order that they would "go and make disciples" (Matt. 28:19);
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage every congregation in the AFLC to utilize the faithful resources of the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry.
2. WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures exhorts "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10),
AND WHEREAS the Pastoral and Congregational Care Team (PACCT) has been established to support pastors, their wives, and congregations for encouragement;
AND WHEREAS a fund has been created where our people can financially participate in the team's ministry,
BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage every congregation in the AFLC to prayerfully consider contributing to the PACCT fund.
3. WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures teach: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double-honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain' and, 'The laborer deserves his wages'" (1 Tim. 5:17, 18),
AND WHEREAS the apostle Paul exhorts God's people "to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work" (1 Thess. 5:12, 13),
AND WHEREAS the Benefits Board provides the AFLC 401K Retirement Plan,
BE IT RESOLVED the congregations and pastors of the AFLC are encouraged to participate in the AFLC 401K Retirement plan.
4. WHEREAS the theme of the 2019 Annual Conference is "As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15), and the purpose of evangelism and discipleship is that we will serve the Lord and His kingdom in carrying out the Great Commission;
AND WHEREAS, the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry is unique in that it is 100% funded through gifts and contributions from congregations and individual donors;
AND WHEREAS, God in His mercy has made us blessed to be a blessing;
BE IT RESOLVED, that each congregation and every individual prayerfully consider supporting the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry through prayer and financial support,
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after prayerful consideration, we approve the subsidy request for 2020 of \$150,395.

Prayers:

The AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and Benefits Board have requested that we pray for the following:

- That more congregations of the AFLC would be intentional in making disciples by mentoring, praying together, and studying the Bible together;
- That God would direct the AED Board during the call process for a new director and He would provide direction to the AFLC in the coming years;
- That God would continue to direct Pastor Jim Rasmussen in his ministry to serve the Lord;
- The ongoing work of the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and the Benefits Board, that God's wisdom and blessing would guide and sustain them.