

RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMITTEE #5 – Evangelism and Benefits

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THANK YOUS

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

- Pastor Randy Nelson, and his wife Brenda, as he begins his new ministry with AED; Pastor Jim Rasmussen, and his wife Jane, as he completes many years of faithful service to AED; the Coordinating Committee; Lyndon Korhonen, Tonnes Pollestad, Chris Rasmussen, Liz McCarlson, Katie Johnson, and Chanel Pederson; and all who have assisted the AED this past ministry year;
- Pastor Rich Ramsbacher for his years of service to the AED Board;
- Current serving members of the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry and the Benefits Board;
- 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 and financial support, especially the Soul Mates who have pledged monthly support for the AED.

RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS in Matthew 28, Jesus commands that we, “Make disciples of all nations...”; 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 their 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 Bible teaches that God is “well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21); and Ephesian 4:12-13 challenges God’s leadership to “equip the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ”;

AND WHEREAS the fundamental Principles also urge congregations to gladly accept “The mutual assistance which congregations can give one another in the work for the advancement of the Kingdom of God,”

BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Conference encourages congregations to pray, plan, prepare and then invite Lutheran evangelists, pastors, and gospel-centered teachers (Eph. 4:11) for special evangelistic and discipleship services aimed at reaching lost souls for salvation through Christ Jesus while encouraging and training the saved in their spiritual walk with Christ.

3. WHEREAS the Holy Scriptures exhorts “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially 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 during this time of pandemic crisis, we have seen an increase in both pastoral and congregational stress leading to conflict, illness, and psychological/emotional overwhelm;

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 utilizing PACCT "prevention, intervention, and recovery" resources and possibly contribute to the PACCT fund.

4. 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 Benefits Board provides the AFLC 401K Retirement Plan as a means of fulfilling these biblical principles,

BE IT RESOLVED the congregations and pastors of the AFLC are encouraged to participate in the AFLC 401K Retirement plan.

5. WHEREAS the theme of the 2020 Annual Conference is "Will He Find Faith" (Luke 18:8), and the purpose of evangelism and discipleship is that we nurture and support faith in Christ 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, The AED is pursuing the much needed development of in-house produced Evangelism and Discipleship materials;

BE IT RESOLVED, that each congregation and every individual prayerfully consider supporting the AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry through prayer and finances,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after prayerful consideration, we approve the subsidy request for 2021 of \$131,200.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Committee and the Benefits Board has requested that we pray for the following:

- Pr. Randy Nelson and the ongoing work of the AED and the Benefits Board, that God's wisdom and blessing would guide and sustain them.
- The ongoing ministry of the PACCT as they support pastors, their wives, and congregations.
- That the ministry of the AED expressed in our theme, "Will He Find Faith," be found in each AFLC congregation as members faithfully share the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly with the lost around them.
- That more congregations of the AFLC would be intentional and obedient in making disciples by mentoring, prayer, personal witnessing, and studying the Bible together.