

RESOLUTIONS FOR COMMITTEE #5 - Evangelism and Benefits

Committee Members: Pr. Jim Rasmussen, Maple Grove, MN (Chairman); Jeremy Nelson, Shakopee, MN (Secretary); Pr. Mike McCarlson, Webster, SD; Pr. Steven Lombardo, Yorkville, IL;

THANK YOUS

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

- Pastor Randy Nelson, and his wife Brenda for their continuing service with AED; the coordinating committee; Caleb Fugleberg for assistance with the website; Liz McCarlson, Chanel Nelson and Katie Johnson for their service to our board; and all who have assisted the AED this past year.
- Current serving members of the AED board and the Benefits board.
- Pastor Brad Putman for his years of service to the Benefits Board.

Thank you all for all you have done in service to our AED and Benefits Boards.

RESOLUTIONS for AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship (AED)

1. WHEREAS found in Matthew 28:19-20 there is a call to evangelize and make disciples.

AND WHEREAS the AED has a purpose statement: "to make and equip disciples who make and equip disciples."

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage all congregations to train and equip disciple-makers.

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 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Romans 10:12-15); and Ephesians 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 ministries aimed at reaching lost souls for salvation through Christ Jesus while encouraging and training the saved in their spiritual walk with Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the use of the AED Speaker Program and other AED resources to assist in proclaiming the gospel message.

3. WHEREAS the theme of the 2021 AFLC Annual Conference is “Prepare the way of the LORD” (Isaiah 40:3);

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage the use of the AED department, and their library of resources (found on their website) to help prepare for evangelistic meetings and/or congregational discipleship training.

4. WHEREAS Ephesians 4:3-6 states to “being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage sister AFLC Ministries to continue to seek ways to partner with the AED when there are shared goals and purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AFLC congregations and districts prayerfully consider getting involved in the regional conferences “Reawakening to the Mission” being held by AED and other AFLC sister ministries.

5. WHEREAS the Pastoral and Congregational Care Team (PACCT) has been established to support pastors, their wives, and congregations for encouragement during times of personal crises and/or congregational conflict;

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Conference would ask for an written and verbal annual report from PACCT.

6. WHEREAS the AED is pursuing the much needed development of in-house produced Evangelism and Discipleship materials and Website development;

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 2022 of \$132,500.

RESOLUTIONS for the Benefits Board

1. 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- That God's grace and direction would sustain the Benefits Board as they work with their new 401K advisor team.
- That God's wisdom and blessing would guide and sustain Pr. Randy Nelson and the ongoing work of the AED board.
- The upcoming regional conferences of the AED and sister AFLC ministries "Reawakening to the Mission" being held in Arlington, SD on Sept 18th, Roseau, MN on Oct. 16th and Arlington, WA on Nov 20th.
- The continued development of the AED website and resource library to ensure that there are online materials available from a Free Lutheran perspective.
- The continued development of the Speaker Program and Handbook.
- That congregations of the AFLC would be intentional and obedient in making disciples by mentoring, prayer, personal witnessing, and studying the Bible together.
- Finally, that congregations of the AFLC would pray for revival in our congregations.