

## **Report on Implementation of 2016 Synod Assembly Resolutions**

### **RESOLUTION #1 ON SUPPORT FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS**

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This resolution asked that the synod “*encourage its conferences and congregations...to support the ELCA Fund for Leaders as part of their response to the Campaign for the ELCA.*”

This resolution has been implemented in many ways as members of the synod’s steering committee for the Campaign for the ELCA have lifted up our synod’s \$1.5 million goal for the ELCA Fund for Leaders. The synod council voted in October 2016 to establish the *NW MN Synod Fund for Leaders Endowment*, making NW MN the 46<sup>th</sup> synod (of 65 synods) to establish such an endowment within the Fund for Leaders. The bishop’s report during the 2017 Synod Assembly will feature the latest update on progress of fund-raising for this fund.

### **RESOLUTION #2 ON SUPPORT OF THE BIBLE WOMEN OF THE ANDHRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (AELC) IN INDIA**

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This resolution was proposed by the Synod Women’s Organization board to lift up a continuing emphasis of the SWO and the synod. The resolution asked that the synod to “*encourage conferences, congregations, and individuals of the Synod to continue their support of the Bible Women of India with their prayers, and financial gifts.*”

Over the last few years there has been a modest but steady stream of contributions from donors and congregations for the Bible Women. We are grateful for the leadership of the Synod Women’s Organization in this regard.

### **RESOLUTION #3 ON SUPPORT FOR THE PHEBE HOSPITAL SOLAR PROJECT, PV (PHOTOVOLTAICS) FOR PHEBE**

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This resolution was also proposed by the Synod Women’s Organization board to recommit the synod to supporting this project at the Phebe Hospital in Liberia.

Significant progress has been made on this project as evidenced in this April 2017 article:  
<http://www.womenoftheelca.org/april-2017--hospital---s-new-solar-power-project-sees-light-of-day--news-529.php>

### **RESOLUTION #4 REGARDING DISSOLUTION OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY OF MINNESOTA, INC.**

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This resolution was passed by all six ELCA synods in Minnesota last year. The resolution seeks to move the six synods away from channeling financial support for campus ministry through a statewide organization and instead directly supporting the campus ministry site(s) on the territory of each synod. Responsibility for implementing this resolution rests with the board of directors of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota (on which Bishop Wohlrabe sits, representing the six bishops of the Minnesota synods). The board has retained legal counsel to handle the administrative details of the dissolution, focusing in particular on transferring legal title to all campus ministry properties from LCMM to the boards of each local Campus Ministry Agency (CMA). Commencing 2/1/2018 all synodical funding for Lutheran campus ministry sites will flow directly from synods to the CMA(s) on the territory of each synod. Synods will also put together their own structures and patterns for relating to the campus ministries on their territories.