

RESOLUTION #1

Submitted by: Northwestern Minnesota Synod’s New and Renewing Congregations and Ministries Mission Table

Resolution to Encourage Mission Partner Relationships with Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osage For the Purpose of Development of a New Congregation Serving the Frazee and Vergas Area

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Frazee and Vergas area has a population base of approximately 12,339 residing in the
- 2 surrounding townships with 5,289 of the general population estimated to be unchurched or
- 3 inactive people living in this mission field; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The idea of developing a ministry in the Frazee and Vergas area has been on the
- 5 Northwestern Minnesota Synod’s “radar” for well over seven years as a potential location for
- 6 a new ELCA church plant; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Osage, has answered the call to engage this mission field
- 8 by calling Pastor Philip Johnson to serve them ½ time as pastor and ½ time as the Mission
- 9 Developer for the Frazee and Vergas mission field with the intent of establishing a two-point
- 10 parish with Immanuel serving as one point and the development of a church in the Frazee and
- 11 Vergas area being the other point; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Immanuel Lutheran Church is providing 55% of the funding for the Mission Developers
- 13 compensation package and an additional \$5,000 in Mission Partner support for this new
- 14 congregational start, with the partnerships from the Northwestern Minnesota Synod and
- 15 Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission unit of the ELCA providing approximately
- 16 25% of funding for the Mission Developer compensation package; and therefore be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** that this Synod in Assembly invite congregations of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod to
- 18 consider establishing a Mission Partner relationship with Immanuel Lutheran Church
- 19 involving, prayers, visitations and financial support.