

RESOLUTION #3

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Resolution for Support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minnesota State University Moorhead and Bemidji State University

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry is a crucial ministry of the ELCA, providing mission outreach to
2 young adult students on campuses across our land, a large portion of whom are unchurched or are
3 no longer connected to the church; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry develops critically-needed leaders for church and society; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry provides Word and Sacrament ministry, representing all our
6 congregations, on college and university campuses across our land; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Northwestern Minnesota Synod is blessed with a staffed (campus pastor) presence at Bemidji
8 State University and Minnesota State University Moorhead; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** the six Minnesota synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, despite providing
10 support for Lutheran Campus Ministry in Minnesota, are not sustaining the level of funding
11 necessary to maintain and grow these ministries as they have in the past; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota has earlier this year cut campus ministry staff
13 compensation by 20%; and
- 14 **WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota is working to structure itself to invite and receive
15 additional funds to supplement the support received through synodically-budgeted giving; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** Local campus ministry boards and agencies have been given permission by Lutheran Campus
17 Ministry of Minnesota to raise funds to offset the 20% reduction in staff compensation; therefore
18 be it
- 19 **RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern Minnesota Synod encourage congregations of the synod to provide within
20 their missional budgets direct support for Campus Ministries at Bemidji State University and
21 Minnesota State University Moorhead.