

## RESOLUTION 11.02

### REGARDING SUPPORT OF THE ELCA YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK

**WHEREAS**, Mark chapter 10 tells us “<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Children and adults are welcomed into the family of God and called in baptism to a life of service; and

**WHEREAS**, The Church has called pastors, lay ministers, volunteers, and parents to equip and empower young people for ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Adult youth ministry leaders live out Martin Luther’s vision for the Church by teaching young people; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 10 years the ELCA Youth Ministry Network has renewed, educated, and connected adult youth ministry leaders for service in the church and the world; therefore be it

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That** congregations of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA encourage their members to pray for our young people, adult youth ministry leaders, and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and
- 2. That** congregations of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA encourage adult youth ministry leaders and pastors to take advantage of opportunities that renew, educate, and connect them and their ministries; and
- 3. That** individuals from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA be encouraged to become members of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and
- 4. That** congregations, organizations, and individuals of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA be encouraged to support the ELCA Youth Ministry Network by sending adult youth ministry leaders to the annual Extravaganza in New Orleans, LA, February 8-12, 2012, and Anaheim, CA, January 24-28, 2013; and
- 5. That** the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA memorializes the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to encourage synods, congregations, adult youth ministry leaders and pastors of the ELCA to support the ELCA Youth Ministry Network by joining the network and by sending adult youth ministry leaders to the annual Extravaganza in New Orleans, LA, February 8-12, 2012, and Anaheim, CA, January 24-28, 2013.

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