

Resolution 16.01

Regarding the Dissolution of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota

Whereas, Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota (hereinafter referred to as LCMM) is a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 317A, 2009 Minnesota Statutes, the purpose of which is “to maintain, develop, and promote the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to the students and faculty in the institutions of higher learning in Minnesota in accordance with the policies of the ELCA...” (Articles of Incorporation, Article 2); and

Whereas, The members of LCMM are the six ELCA synods in Minnesota; and

Whereas, Key responsibilities of LCMM have included buying, holding, insuring, and selling real estate for the nine local campus ministry agencies (CMAs) across the state; extending Letters of Call to campus pastors; and distributing synodical and ELCA churchwide funding to these CMAs; and

Whereas, In recent years these responsibilities have gradually been transferred to the boards of the CMAs; and

Whereas, This transfer of responsibilities has eliminated the need for a statewide agency such as LCMM; and

Whereas, The question of dissolving LCMM can properly be decided only by the members of LCMM via the six ELCA synods of Minnesota; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Southwestern Minnesota Synod (SW MN Synod), in assembly, authorize Bishop Jon Anderson and the synod council, in cooperation with their counterparts in the other five Minnesota synods and the LCMM board of directors, to take all steps necessary to dissolve LCMM no later than January 31, 2018; and be it further

Resolved, That the SW MN Synod Council, in consultation with the governing boards of the CMAs located on the territory of SW MN Synod, which include Lutheran Campus Ministries at St. Cloud State University and St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, and the University of Minnesota in Morris, formulate a plan to assure that, between July 1, 2016, and January 31, 2018:

- a) Ownership of all LCMM assets, including clear title to all campus ministry buildings and real estate, is transferred from LCMM to the appropriate local CMAs;
- b) Budgeted contributions from SW MN Synod for campus ministry be redirected from LCMM to the individual CMAs on the territory of this synod;
- c) Members of the board of LCMM are discharged from their duties and thanked for their service;
- d) Any other steps necessary to dissolve LCMM are taken; and
- e) A SW MN Synod leadership group be given responsibility for coordinating the ways in which this synod and the ELCA churchwide organization will tend and nurture the CMAs located on the territory of SW MN Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the SW MN Synod, in assembly, encourage all congregations to support the CMAs on the territory of this synod with their prayers, financial gifts, and personal involvement of their members.

Submitted by Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council