

# Report on the Disposition of 2009 Synod Assembly Resolutions

The following resolutions were all passed at the 2009 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly.  
*The full text of these resolutions can be found on the synod website.*

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## **Resolution 09.06      Regarding Proposed Constitutional Change (Resolution 08.03)**

This resolution was adopted in 2008 to resolve a conflict in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod's constitution S7.21.b and S7.23 and inconsistency with ELCA policy. The resolution clarified if retired or on-leave-from-call associates in ministry, deaconesses, or diaconal ministers are elected by their congregation as voting members, they shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly. Because this is a constitutional amendment, adoption was also needed in 2009 in order for the change to take effect.

*The resolution takes effect immediately.*

## **Resolution 09.01      Regarding a Synod Board Name Change**

This resolution was presented by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council (action SC09.01.69) to change the constitutional of the **Serving in Christ's Mission Board** to **Serving in God's World Board**. An amendment was presented to change the name of the board to **Serving in Christ's World Board**.

*The amendment carried: 266 in favor, 263 opposed.*

It was the ruling of the chair that further consideration was out of order. The resolution was reconsidered and was adopted as presented: **Serving in God's World Board**.

*Because this is a constitutional amendment, this resolution will be acted upon again at the 2010 Synod Assembly.*

## **Resolution 09.02      Regarding Rejecting Proposed Social Statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust"**

This resolution was presented to thank the members of the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality for their work, and that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to reject *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* as a social statement for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*The vote was taken by a written ballot. The resolution failed - 275 in favor, 338 opposed, 27 abstentions.*

## **Resolution 09.03      Regarding Rejecting the "Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies"**

This resolution was presented to thank the members of the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality for their work, and that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to reject the proposals in the *Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies* from the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality.

*The vote was taken by a written ballot. The resolution was adopted - 303 in favor, 279 opposed, 10 abstentions.*

*The resolution takes effect immediately. Letter was sent to the Church Council.*

**Resolution 09.04**      **Regarding a Two-Thirds Majority for Recommendations from the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality**

This resolution was presented to direct the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council to request the ELCA Church Council reconsider their recommendations to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly calling for the adoption of a rule that any recommendation, resolutions, or memorials related to the report of the Task Force of ELCA Studies on Sexuality require a two-thirds vote for adoption; that the Synod Council forward this request to Secretary David Swartling for presentation to the ELCA Church Council; and that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to add the following provision to the rules of procedure for the assembly: "Any motion to come before this Churchwide Assembly regarding changes in this church's current policy and practice for the rostering of ordained ministers, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry, and deaconesses shall require a two-thirds vote by the assembly for adoption."

*The vote was taken by a written ballot. The resolution failed - 262 in favor, 275 opposed, 5 abstentions.*

**Resolution 09.05**      **Regarding Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota Mission Fund**

This resolution was adopted to encourage Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota to continue structuring itself to invite and receive additional funds to supplement the support received through synodically-budgeted giving by seeking to establish a Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota Mission Fund as a vehicle for inviting and receiving such supplemental gifts from individuals, congregations, auxiliaries, endowment funds and other ELCA gifting sources. The Southwestern Minnesota Synod commends Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota for this initiative and will welcome and help promote the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota Mission Fund on the territory of this synod.

*The resolution takes effect immediately.*

