



RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 1  
RULES AND  
ORDER FOR  
PROCEDURE

Bishop Skrenes reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of Resolution Number 1, submitted by the Synod Council.

RESOLVED, that the Proposed Rules and Order of Procedure as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2006 Assembly.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution. Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.01**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2  
AGENDA AND  
PROGRAM

Bishop Skrenes reported the Synod Council recommends adoption of Resolution Number 2, submitted by the Synod Council.

RESOLVED, that the Agenda and Program as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report be adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod for the 2005 Assembly.

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution.

**SA06.05.02**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 5  
CHURCHWIDE  
ASSEMBLY VOTING  
PRIVILEGES FOR  
SYNOD VICE  
PRESIDENT

Resolution Number 5 was reported by Bishop Skrenes as being recommended for approval.

WHEREAS, the ELCA 2005 Churchwide Assembly enacted Churchwide bylaw 12.41.42. which reads: "Unless otherwise determined by the synod, the synodical vice president shall serve as a voting member of the Churchwide Assembly," and

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Lakes Synod bylaws have restricted individuals to be voting members once every eight years, and

WHEREAS, the vice president of the synod has the confidence of the synod having been elected by the synod to be a knowledgeable voice and leader for the synod and the whole Church, and

WHEREAS, the Synod Council having discussed this possibility has voted to recommend this change to the 2006 Synod Assembly, therefore be it

RESOLVED, this 2006 assembly amend and create bylaws to make the synod vice president a voting member of each Churchwide Assembly from this synod as indicated below.

1. To amend **S9.01.31.** to read "Exclusive of the bishop and the vice president of the synod, voting members to the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA shall be limited to no more than one voting member from a congregation."

2. To amend **S9.01.32.** to read "Exclusive of the bishop and the vice president of the synod, no voting member may be elected to the

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Churchwide Assembly who has been a voting member to any of the three most recent biennial Churchwide Assemblies of the ELCA.”

3. To create the following bylaw – **S9.01.33**. “The vice president of the synod at the time of the Churchwide Assembly shall serve as one lay voting member to the Churchwide Assembly. If the vice president is unable to serve as a voting member to the Assembly the elected alternate voting member of the same gender shall serve.”

It was moved and seconded by the Synod Council to adopt the resolution. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 107 YES TO 97 NO (2/3 majority required).

REPORT OF THE  
NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE

Rev. Julie Summers Bynog, Chair of the Nominating Committee, was introduced by Bishop Skrenes and asked to present their report as found on pages 95-104 of the Pre-Assembly Report. Rev. Bynog also introduced the other members of the committee. Bishop Skrenes thanked the committee for their work.

Nominations were presented for the following positions:

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Clergy:

Rev. Virginia Eggert, Rev. Lynn Hubbard, Rev. Nancy Kauppi, Rev. David Letscher, Rev. Douglas Schoen, Rev. Julie Summers Bynog and Rev. Scott Williams.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Clergy.

**SA06.05.03**

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Female:

Wendy Ehle, Donna Ferson, Christine Langenberg, Virginia Paulson, Connie Schmidt and Carolyn Snyder.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Female.

**SA06.05.04**

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Male:

Jack Armstrong, Daryl Champion, David Johnson, Ron McGrady, Tim Mulvaney, James Quirk and Kirt Stage-Harvey.

No additional nominations were received from the floor.

It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Male.

**SA06.05.05**

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy:  
Rev. Devon Barrix, Rev. Tom Evans, Rev. Len Gilley, Rev. Nick Johannes, Rev. Bonny Kinnunen, Rev. W. Ted Koehl and Rev. Mary S. Weinkauff.  
No additional nominations were received from the floor.  
It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy.

**SA06.05.06**

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Bishop Skrenes announced that the first ballot for all positions will take place tomorrow morning. The Assembly thanked the committee for their work with applause.

WE THANK GOD  
MOMENT

Rev. Nancy Amacher shared a “We Thank God” moment with the Assembly. “We Thank God” is the theme of the 2006-2007 Synod-wide Stewardship program.

RESOLUTIONS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Dorothy Lindstrom, Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner, WI, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Lindstrom reported that at this time no additional resolutions have been submitted. Bishop Skrenes reminded the Assembly that all resolutions are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday to Rev. Lindstrom, Rev. Jonathan Schmidt, Synod Secretary or Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege, Assistant to the Bishop.

LAY SCHOOL  
FOR MISSION  
SAMPLER  
CLASSES

Rev. David Echelbarger, Dean of the Lay School for Mission, was introduced by Bishop Skrenes. Rev. Echelbarger gave a brief introduction and several announcements relating to the sampler classes that will take place this afternoon and tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Virginia Eggert, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, gave some announcements. The Assembly is now in recess until Friday morning at 8:30 a.m.

4:15 P.M.  
5:30 P.M.  
7:00 P.M.

Forums/Sample Lay School for Mission Classes – Various Locations  
Dinner (Pre-paid at Finlandia or on your own)  
Program – First United Methodist Church

LAY SCHOOL  
FOR MISSION  
GRADUATES

During the evening program, Bishop Skrenes announced that we would be recognizing this year’s Lay School for Mission graduates. Rev. David Echelbarger, Immanuel, Negaunee, serves as the Dean of the Lay School for Mission. The other campus coordinators were introduced by Bishop Skrenes: Rev. Jonathan Schmidt, First, Gladstone and Rev. Tari Stage-Harvey, Zion, St. Ignace and Trinity, Brevort. Rev. Echelbarger made comments about the Lay School for Mission and the coordinators presented the diplomas. The Assembly congratulated the graduates with their applause

ROSTERED  
PERSONS  
CELEBRATING  
ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Skrenes introduced the following clergy celebrating 25 years of ordained ministry: Rev. Lauri Maki (and Lois); Rev. John Shallow (and Sue); and Rev. Gene Wickman (and Carol). Also celebrating anniversaries but not able to attend were Rev. Lee Goodwin and Rev. Peter Gundersen. Arlene Rajala, Associate in Ministry, is also celebrating 25 years of ministry but was unable to attend the Assembly.

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Kenneth Michaelis (and Joanne) who is celebrating 40 years of ordained ministry. Pastor Michaelis addressed the Assembly.

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Donald Wandersee (and Edwina), celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary. Pastor Wandersee spoke to the Assembly. Also celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry is Rev. Fred Hallanger who was unable to attend the Assembly.

Rev. Norman Lund (and Wenona), who is celebrating 55 years of ordained ministry, was introduced by Bishop Skrenes. Pastor Lund addressed the Assembly. Also celebrating 55 years of ordained ministry is Rev. Ivan Miller who was unable to attend the Assembly.

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. Karlo Keljo (and Eunice) who is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Pastor Keljo addressed the Assembly.

RETIREMENTS

Bishop Skrenes introduced two pastors who have retired since our last Assembly, Rev. Mary Weinkauff and Rev. Chrysande Levesque. Both pastors spoke to the Assembly.

8:00 P.M.  
9:00 P.M.

Reception – Finnish American Heritage Center  
Vespers – Chapel of St. Matthew

**FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2006**

Breakfast – on your own or at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Registration – Paavo Nurmi Center  
Prayer Chapel - Chapel of St. Matthew

**8:30 A.M.**

**PLENARY II – PAAVO NURMI CENTER**

HYMN AND  
PRAYER

Bishop Skrenes led the Assembly in a hymn followed by a prayer. He also thanked Rev. Joyce Heintz for accompanying us on the piano during the Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Virginia Eggert made several announcements as Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bishop Skrenes introduced the following guests at our Assembly: John Rehl, ELCA Board of Pensions; Debra Simonsen Smith, ELCA Mission Investment Fund; Curt Peterson, The Lutheran magazine; Ben Larson, Finlandia University; Rev. LeRoy Remmers, Wartburg Seminary; Steve

Olson, Sandra Potts, Diane Beyer and Rick Kochis, Lutheran Social Services; Elaine Peitzel and Dawn Rundman, Augsburg Fortress; and Jerry and Eunice Koepke, Third World Shoppe.

EXCUSED  
ABSENCES

Bishop Skrenes read Synod Bylaw S14.21 regarding required attendance at Synod Assemblies by rostered persons. The following rostered persons requested excused absences for the 2006 Assembly: Bishop Emeritus Harry Andersen, Rev. Mark Bangert, Rev. Timothy Bernard, Rev. Laurel Halvorson Bernard, Rev. Chad Christensen, Rev. Paul Engwall, Rev. Lee Goodwin, Rev. Peter Gundersen, Rev. Fred Hallanger, Rev. Margaret Johnson, Rev. Jimalee Jones, Rev. D.C. Kalweit, Rev. Michael Laakko, Rev. George Olson, Rev. Norman Peterson, Rev. Paul Raappana, Rev. William Shepard, Rev. LaVonne Stephenson, Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman, Rev. John Voelker and Associate in Ministry Susan Vairus.

INTRODUCTION  
OF SYNOD  
STAFF

Bishop Skrenes introduced and thanked the synod office staff: Rev. Jennifer Johnson Wrege, Assistant to the Bishop; Wendy Black, Synod Youth Coordinator; Roger Knuth, Synod Planned Giving Counselor; Kay Benedict, Officer Manager; Louise Ingalls, Secretary; and Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper. The Assembly thanked the staff with their applause.

WE THANK GOD  
MOMENT

Bishop Skrenes presented a We Thank God moment, discussing the banners for the stewardship program. He also talked about the Men in Mission Bible.

CREDENTIALS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Jill Lempke, Chair of the Credentials Committee, presented the following report as of 8:45 a.m., May 19, 2006:

Registered Voting Members .....	260
Clergy (including those under call and retired) .....	76
Lay Voting Members (82 male/102 female) .....	184
Registered Visitors .....	68
TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS .....	328

FIRST BALLOT  
FOR ALL  
POSITIONS

Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked that the Elections Committee distribute the first ballot for all positions. An Elections Committee Report will be given as soon as the ballots have been tallied.

BIBLE STUDY

Rev. David Echelbarger, Immanuel, Negaunee, presented the Bible study. Bishop Skrenes presented Pastor Echelbarger with a gift.

WE THANK GOD  
MOMENT

Rev. David Christensen presented a We Thank God moment to the Assembly.

REPORT OF  
THE TREASURER

Rev. Stephen Cowen, Synod Treasurer, presented his report to the Assembly.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Gwen Halaas, M.D. presented the Assembly with the keynote address. Bishop Skrenes presented Dr. Halaas with a gift.

ROSTERD PERSONS  
NEW TO THE  
SYNOD

Bishop Skrenes announced that the following rostered persons have begun their ministries in the Northern Great Lakes Synod since the last Assembly: Dave Mason, Licensed Lay Minister, Trinity, Stonington; Rev. John Autio, Mission United, Pelkie; Rev. Devon Barrix, Faith, Rock and Bethany, Perkins; Rev. Philip Johnson, Campus Pastor, Finlandia University; Rev. Bonny Kinnunen, First, Iron River; Rev. Penny Olson, Siloa, Ontonagon and Faith, White Pine; Rev. Tim Vadis and Rev. Kari Vadis, Trinity, Rhinelander.

SYNOD  
SEMINARIANS

Bishop Skrenes also announced that there were two synod seminarians in attendance, David Johnson and Michael Mannisto. A third seminarian, Daniel Sorenson is on internship in Libertyville, Illinois.

ELECTIONS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Rev. Cori Johnson, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the first ballot:

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Clergy:

Number of Ballots .....	249
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	1
Number of Valid Ballots .....	248
Needed to Elect .....	125
Rev. Nancy Kauppi .....	88
Rev. David Letscher .....	86
Rev. Virginia Eggert .....	85
Rev. Scott Williams .....	76
Rev. Julie Summers Bynog .....	60
Rev. Douglas Schoen .....	59
Rev. Lynn Hubbard .....	36

There was no election. The names of Rev. Nancy Kauppi, Rev. David Letscher, Rev. Virginia Eggert and Rev. Scott Williams will appear on the second ballot.

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Female:

Number of Ballots .....	244
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	0
Number of Valid Ballots .....	244
Needed to Elect .....	123
Connie Schmidt .....	151
Virginia Paulson .....	143
Wendy Ehle .....	126
Christine Langenberg .....	124
Carolyn Snyder .....	78
Donna Ferson .....	47

SA06.05.07

CONNIE SCHMIDT, VIRGINIA PAULSON AND WENDY EHLE  
WERE DECLARED ELECTED AS CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2007

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VOTING MEMBER – LAY FEMALE.

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Male:

Number of Ballots .....	246
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	0
Number of Valid Ballots .....	246
Needed to Elect .....	124
Kirt Stage-Harvey .....	132
Tim Mulvaney .....	108
Jack Armstrong .....	106
David Johnson .....	104
James Quirk .....	92
Daryl Champion .....	85
Ron McGrady .....	41

**SA06.05.08**

KIRT STAGE-HARVEY WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS  
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2007 VOTING MEMBER – LAY MALE.

The names of Tim Mulvaney, Jack Armstrong, David Johnson and James Quirk will appear on the second ballot.

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy:

Number of Ballots .....	246
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	1
Number of Valid Ballots .....	245
Needed to Elect .....	123
Rev. Mary S. Weinkauff .....	139
Rev. Bonny Kinnunen .....	112
Rev. Tom Evans .....	105
Rev. Len Gilley .....	91
Rev. Devon Barrix .....	89
Rev. W. Ted Koehl .....	88
Rev. Nick Johannes .....	71

**SA06.05.09**

REV. MARY S. WEINKAUF WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS  
SYNOD CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – CLERGY.

The names of Rev. Bonny Kinnunen, Rev. Tom Evans, Rev. Len Gilley and Rev. Devon Barrix will appear on the second ballot.

SECOND BALLOT

Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked that the Elections Committee distribute the second ballot.

REPORT OF  
THE BISHOP

Bishop Skrenes presented his Bishop’s report as printed on pages 11-17 of the Pre-Assembly Report. He highlighted several items from his report.



REPORT OF  
THE VICE  
PRESIDENT

Orice Walters, Synod Vice President, presented her report to the Assembly. As part of her report, Orice introduced the members of the Synod Council and thanked them for their ministry to the Synod.

OFFERING  
OF QUARTERS  
FOR WORLD  
HUNGER

Bishop Skrenes introduced Rev. John Kuziej, Chair of the Synod Hunger Committee. Rev. Kuziej presented the “Big Bear” award to Immanuel, Rhinelander, for their efforts in raising funds for world hunger. The offering of quarters was received for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Virginia Eggert, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, gave some announcements.

HYMN AND  
PRAYER

Rev. Penny Olson, Siloa, Ontonagon and Faith, White Pine led the Assembly in a hymn and a prayer. Bishop Skrenes announced that the Assembly is now in recess until Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 – 1:00 P.M.  
1:00 -3:15 P.M.  
3:45 P.M.  
6:30 P.M.

Lunch – on site in two locations  
Forums & Workshops  
Worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
Raise the Roof Banquet and Festivities

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 20, 2006**

Breakfast – on your own  
Prayer Chapel - Chapel of St. Matthew

**8:30 A.M.**

**PLENARY III – PAAVO NURMI CENTER**

HYMN AND  
PRAYER

Rev. Devon Barrix, Faith, Rock and Bethany, Perkins led the Assembly in a hymn and prayer.

CREDENTIALS  
COMMITTEE

Jill Lempke, Chair of the Credentials Committee, presented the following report as of 8:30 a.m., May 20, 2006:

Registered Voting Members .....	261
Clergy (including those under call and retired) .....	77
Lay Voting Members (82 male/102 female) .....	184
Registered Visitors .....	72
<b>TOTAL REGISTERED PERSONS .....</b>	<b>333</b>

The Assembly thanked the Credentials Committee for their work with applause.

ELECTIONS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Rev. Cori Johnson, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the second ballot:

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Clergy:	
Number of Ballots .....	249
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	1
Number of Valid Ballots .....	248

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Needed to Elect .....	125
Rev. Nancy Kauppi .....	128
Rev. David Letscher .....	119
Rev. Virginia Eggert .....	130
Rev. Scott Williams .....	99

**SA06.05.10**

REV. VIRGINIA EGGERT AND REV. NANCY KAUPPI WERE  
DECLARED ELECTED AS CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2007  
VOTING MEMBER – CLERGY.

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Male:

Number of Ballots .....	246
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	0
Number of Valid Ballots .....	246
Needed to Elect .....	124
Tim Mulvaney .....	127
Jack Armstrong .....	122
David Johnson .....	122
James Quirk .....	100

**SA06.05.11**

TIM MULVANEY WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS CHURCHWIDE  
ASSEMBLY 2007 VOTING MEMBER – LAY MALE.

The names of Jack Armstrong and David Johnson will appear on the third  
ballot.

Synod Consultation Committee – Clergy:

Number of Ballots .....	244
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	0
Number of Valid Ballots .....	244
Needed to Elect .....	123
Rev. Bonny Kinnunen .....	156
Rev. Tom Evans .....	110
Rev. Len Gilley .....	102
Rev. Devon Barrix .....	101

**SA06.05.12**

REV. BONNY KINNUNEN WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS  
SYNOD CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – CLERGY.

The names of Rev. Tom Evans and Rev. Len Gilley will appear on the  
third ballot.

THIRD BALLOT

Bishop Skrenes offered a prayer and then asked that the Elections  
Committee distribute the third ballot.

WE THANK  
GOD MOMENT

Betsy Koski, Emanuel, Skandia, presented a We Thank God Moment to the Assembly. Bishop Skrenes also thanked Gordon Usitalo for his service on the Synod Council.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 8  
SHEPHERD OF  
THE SEA CHAPEL  
IN COPPER HARBOR

Resolution Number 8, Shepherd of the Sea Chapel in Copper Harbor, submitted by the Synod Council was presented by Bishop Skrenes. Synod Council recommends adoption.

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Lakes Synod has owned, sponsored and supported a ministry known as Keweenaw Lutheran Ministries; and

WHEREAS, the Synod, its congregations and members have built Shepherd of the Sea Chapel in Copper Harbor as a place of Word and Sacrament ministry in the northern most tip of Upper Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the congregations of Faith Lutheran in Calumet, First Lutheran in Dollar Bay and Bethany Lutheran of the Keweenaw in Mohawk now desire to dissolve Keweenaw Lutheran Ministries as their congregational ministries evolve; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Lutheran Church of the Keweenaw desires to more fully serve the Copper Harbor area and to incorporate the ministry of Shepherd of the Sea Chapel into that of their congregation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this 2006 Synod Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod does hereby dissolve Keweenaw Lutheran Ministries, congratulating the congregations of First Lutheran in Dollar Bay, Faith Lutheran in Calumet and Bethany Lutheran of the Keweenaw for their more than 10 years of cooperation and ministry outreach as Keweenaw Lutheran Ministries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Synod does hereby give all interest and title to the real property owned by the synod known as “Shepherd of the Sea Chapel” in Copper Harbor, Michigan to the congregation of Bethany Lutheran of the Keweenaw for use as a second worship site for the congregation and the people of Copper Harbor; instructing the bishop and the secretary of this synod to execute all documents necessary to effect this transfer of property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds held in restricted accounts for the benefit of Keweenaw Lutheran Ministry by the synod be disbursed as follows: \$20,000 to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Mission Outreach Fund; \$15,181.68 to the Bethany Lutheran Church of the Keweenaw,

Shepherd of the Sea Building Fund; and the remainder, approximately \$8,800 to the Bethany Lutheran Church of the Keweenaw, Shepherd of the Sea Ministry Fund; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod does thank God for the ministry of the people of the Shepherd of the Sea Chapel and the Bethany Lutheran Church of the Keweenaw, asking God to bless and prosper the work that is done in the Keweenaw in the name of Jesus Christ in the years and decades ahead.

Rich and Bonnie Harrer from Shepherd of the Sea Chapel gave a PowerPoint presentation. Rev. Peter Vorhes, Faith, Calumet, gave a brief report as president of Keweenaw Lutheran Ministries.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 8.

**SA06.05.13**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 8 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 9  
LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS  
MINISTRY

Resolution Number 9, Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Great Lakes Synod, submitted by the Synod Council was presented by Bishop Skrenes. Synod Council recommends adoption.

WHEREAS, in 2007, Lutheran Campus Ministry will celebrate a century of work among the college and university communities of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has affirmed its commitment to the work of campus ministry on private as well as state supported universities and colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Lakes Synod since its beginnings in 1987 has supported the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry – Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan, and Lutheran Campus Ministry – Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan, as well as on other college and university campuses in this synod; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2006, the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry – Wisconsin and Upper Michigan devolved to the responsibility of the six synods of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in response to the changes in the oversight structure for campus ministry the Northern Great Lakes Synod Council incorporated the campus ministry at Northern Michigan University, affirmed the ministry at Michigan Technological University as provided through the Good Shepherd congregation of Houghton and adopted the following continuing resolution to the Synod's governing documents:

**S11.01.A06.** There shall be a Synod Campus Ministry Committee. The committee shall consist of eight persons, seven elected by the Synod

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Council. Length of office terms will be determined by the Synod Council. The synod bishop, or the bishop's designee, shall be a member.

The committee shall:

1. Provide general oversight of Lutheran Campus Ministry on public universities in the synod;
2. Work in cooperation with the Vocation and Education Unit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and function consistent with the campus ministry policies of the ELCA;
3. Annually recommend financial support from the synod to the synod campus ministry sites as part of the synodical budgeting process;
4. Encourage the synod, its congregations and members to support the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Great Lakes Synod;
5. Annually report to the Synod Council and to the Synod Assembly on its work with campus ministry.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that this 2006 Synod Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod does congratulate the Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across this church on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important ministry, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly express our appreciation to those involved in campus ministry across this synod, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly affirm our synodical involvement in this campus ministries of our synod, and encourage congregations and individuals to support this work in their prayers, and with their commitments of time and financial resources.

Rev. Bucky Beach gave a report on Lutheran Campus Ministry and some discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 9.

**SA06.05.14**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 3  
CLERGY  
COMPENSATION  
GUIDELINES  
FOR 2007

Bishop Skrenes presented Resolution Number 3, submitted by the Clergy Compensation Task Force. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2007 as approved by the Synod Council hereby be adopted and recommended to this Synod's congregations.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

**SA06.05.15**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 4  
SYNOD  
COUNCIL

Resolution Number 4, Synod Council, was presented by Bishop Skrenes. Synod Council recommends adoption.

WHEREAS, the synod constitution and bylaws provide for the election of the Synod Council by the Synod Assembly (S10.01. and following bylaws); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following persons nominated by the conferences be hereby elected to the Synod Council with terms expiring at the conclusion of the Synod Assembly in the year indicated herein.

Copper Country Conference (two)	Judy Mattson (2009)
Headwaters Conference (three)	Dan Laatsch (2009)
	Barb Maines (2009)
Four Rivers Conference (four)	Rev. Doug Johnson (2009)
Delta Conference (six)	Jana Aho (2009)
Three Lakes Conference (seven)	David Eitland (2009)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following youth nominated by the Synod Council be hereby elected to the Synod Council with terms expiring at the conclusion of the Synod Assembly in the year indicated herein.

One position open –

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution.

**SA06.05.16**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 6  
SYNOD PROGRAM  
COMMITTEES

Resolution Number 6, Synod Program Committee Amendments, was presented by Bishop Skrenes. This resolution was submitted by Bishop Skrenes and the Executive Committee of the Synod Council. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

WHEREAS, since its beginning in 1988, the Northern Great Lakes Synod has been organized in various committees to promote the work of the synod, the congregations and the mission of this Church; and

WHEREAS, the experience of the last decade indicates that the structure of the committees requires simplification and flexibility; and that continuing resolutions are the best vehicle for the description of program committees, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this 2006 Synod Assembly amend the bylaws and create continuing resolutions as indicated below.

1. To delete existing bylaws **S11.01.20., S11.01.21., S11.01.30., S11.01.31., S11.01.40., S11.01.41., S11.01.50., and S11.01.51.**
2. To create the following bylaws and continuing resolutions.

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**S11.01.20.** There shall be committees to develop the work of rostered persons. The purpose, responsibilities and composition of these committees shall be described in the continuing resolutions.

**S11.01.B06.** There shall be a Candidacy Committee. The committee shall consist of the bishop, or his or her appointee, and other members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to six-year terms with no more than one-third of its members' terms expiring in a given year. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

The Candidacy Committee shall:

- a. Assist the congregations of this synod to seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;
- b. Provide discernment and other resources for candidates for rostered leadership;
- c. Serve as a liaison between the candidates for rostered ministry, the synod, and the candidacy process of the ELCA;
- d. Enter, endorse, and approve candidates for rostered ministry in the ELCA;
- e. Participate in candidacy training and skill-building opportunities.

**S11.01.C06.** There shall be a Leadership Support Committee. The committee shall consist of the bishop and members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee. The committee may create subcommittees as needed to carry out its functions.

The Leadership Support Committee shall:

- a. Provide opportunities for learning and growth for rostered persons;
- b. Recommend compensation guidelines for ordained ministers;
- c. Be attentive to changing needs of rostered leaders and provide resources to enhance the ministry of rostered leaders.

**S11.01.D06.** There shall be a Lay School for Mission Board. The board shall consist of the bishop and members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

The Lay School for Mission Board shall:

- a. Establish policies for the synod's Lay School for Mission;
- b. Appoint the Dean of the Lay School with the approval of the bishop.

**S11.01.E06.** There shall be a Licensed Lay Ministry Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the bishop and members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

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The Licensed Lay Ministry Advisory Committee shall:

- a. Advise the bishop on all matters concerning Licensed Lay Ministry;
- b. Make recommendations to the Synod Council on policies regarding Licensed Lay Ministry.

**S11.01.30.** There shall be committees to assist the congregations in the areas of evangelism, learning ministries, stewardship, worship and youth. The purpose, responsibilities and composition of these committees shall be described in the continuing resolutions.

**S11.01.F06.** There shall be an Evangelism Committee. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

The Evangelism Committee shall:

- a. Encourage evangelism and outreach ministries throughout the synod, especially ministries related to prayer;
- b. Advocate for evangelism as a component of all synod ministries;
- c. Serve as a resource to congregations seeking to enhance their own evangelism efforts;
- d. Develop opportunities to gather members of the synod for evangelism education, sharing ideas, and development of ministries related to evangelism;
- e. Work with the Mission Director to ensure cooperation with the Mission Outreach Committee of the synod.

**S11.01.G06.** There shall be a Stewardship Committee. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

The Stewardship Committee shall:

- a. Work with the ELCA deployed staff in stewardship to strengthen, develop, and initiate stewardship ministries in congregations;
- b. Encourage the use of a wide range of resources in stewardship throughout the synod;
- c. Provide opportunities for education of pastors and lay leaders in stewardship ministries.

**S11.01.H06.** There shall be a Worship Committee. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.



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The Worship Committee shall:

- a. Encourage creative worship in congregations by providing opportunities for exposure to new worship materials and styles;
- b. Develop workshops and other opportunities for the development of worship and music leadership;
- c. In cooperation with the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, plan worship experiences for Synod Assembly.

**S11.01.I06.** There shall be a Youth Ministry Team. The committee shall consist of members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee.

The Youth Ministry Team shall:

- a. Work with the Youth Ministry Coordinator and the Lutheran Youth Organization leadership to plan youth ministry activities on a synod level;
- b. Seek to share resources in youth and family ministry with congregations;
- c. Develop training opportunities to develop leaders among young people and adults in youth and family ministry.

**S11.01.40.** There shall be a Mission Outreach Committee. The committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Synod Council to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee. The mission and responsibilities of this committee shall be described in the continuing resolutions. The committee may create subcommittees as needed to carry out its functions.

**S11.01.J06.** The Mission Outreach Committee shall:

- a. Coordinate development of new ministries and redevelopment of existing ministries, including ministries with minorities within this synod;
- b. Encourage the synod to develop and maintain a global view of mission;
- c. Extend and support the mission of this synod in and through:
  - 1) colleges, universities and campus ministries
  - 2) prison ministries
  - 3) ecumenical and multicultural relationships
  - 4) campground and recreational ministries
- d. Where appropriate, work with the Evangelism Committee in enhancing the mission outreach of congregations.

**S11.01.50.** There shall be a Justice Advocacy Committee. The committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Synod Council. Members shall be appointed to three-year terms. The chair shall be elected annually by the committee. The mission and responsibilities of this committee shall be described in the continuing resolutions. The committee may create subcommittees as needed to carry out its functions.

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**S11.01.K06.** The Justice Advocacy Committee shall:

- a. In cooperation with the ELCA, make available resources to assist both congregational and synod-wide advocacy in areas such as ecology, health care, hunger, and other justice issues;
- b. Speak theologically and prophetically on issues where the Gospel of Jesus Christ intersects with the world;
- c. Extend and support the mission of this synod through social ministry organizations and agencies.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 6. Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.17**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 7  
BYLAW  
CORRECTION  
AMENDMENTS

Resolution Number 7, Bylaw Correction Amendments, was presented by Bishop Skrenes. It was submitted by the Synod Council who recommends its adoption.

WHEREAS, it is important that the bylaws of this synod represent the current policy and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the ELCA has determined, in conjunction with the synods of Region 5, that the Regional Coordinating Council shall consist of the twelve synodical bishops of Region 5; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the last sentence of S7.11.61. is amended to remove the word “convention and delegates” with the words “Synod Assembly and voting members,” to read: “Individual voting members to the Synod Assembly may submit resolutions at the Synod Assembly subject to the provisions of bylaw S7.11.60.,” and be it further

RESOLVED, that S9.01.20. The Synod Assembly shall elect from the membership of the Synod Council representatives to the Coordinating

Council of the Regional Center for Mission, providing for equal representation from each synod in the region and equal representation between clergy and lay members. The Synod Council shall nominate two candidates for each position,” is hereby deleted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 7.

**SA06.05.18**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 10  
MISSION  
PARTNERS  
PROGRAM

Resolution Number 10, Mission Partners Program, submitted by the Mission Partners Task Force was presented by Rev. Nancy Kauppi. The Synod Council recommends adoption of the Resolution.

WHEREAS, individual church members, congregations and assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have consistently expressed commitment to

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the support of outreach ministries of the ELCA within our synod and beyond our synod; and

WHEREAS, there is much potential in the Northern Great Lakes Synod to strengthen its outreach ministries, as well as develop more through prayer its plentiful human resources and financial support; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Outreach Committee and the Mission Partner Task Force of the Northern Great Lakes Synod have identified, and will continue to identify potential Mission Partners programs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod be encouraged to extend their outreach through the Mission Partners Program, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation of this synod be encouraged to appoint a Mission Partner Coordinator; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that each congregation of this synod be encouraged to receive and gratefully participate in the sharing of the Bethlehem Eucharistic Vessels by using them as an expression of our unity and partnership in mission.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 10. Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.19**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 13  
EARTH  
KEEPING

Resolution Number 13, Earth Keeping, submitted by Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University, was presented by Bishop Skrenes. Synod Council recommends adoption of the resolution.

WHEREAS, our Christian faith and Lutheran heritage lift up the goodness of Creation and call us to be stewards of the earth, and

WHEREAS, the natural environment of the Great Lakes' Basin is a gift of God to be cherished and protected for future generations, and

WHEREAS, bishops and regional spiritual leaders of nine faith traditions signed an Earth Keeper Covenant in 2004 pledging a commitment to personally encourage their respective congregations into a deeper knowledge and commitment to our region's forests, waterways and wildlife, and

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of that Earth Keeper's pledge, over 130 faith communities joined together in April 2005 and 2006 with the Central Lake Superior Watershed, the Cedar Tree Institute and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in an unprecedented historic clean sweep of over 100 tons of household hazardous waste; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA encourage congregations and ministries to support this ongoing interfaith effort by providing delegates and resources to carry out Earth Keeping Covenant goals and objectives.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 13. Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.20**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13 WAS ADOPTED.

ELECTIONS  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Rev. Cori Johnson, Chair of the Elections Committee, reported the following results on the third ballot:

Churchwide Assembly 2007 Voting Member – Lay Male:

Number of Ballots .....	215
Number of Invalid Ballots .....	0
Number of Valid Ballots .....	215
Needed to Elect .....	108
Jack Armstrong .....	113
David Johnson .....	102

**SA06.05.21**

JACK ARMSTRONG WAS DECLARED ELECTED AS  
CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY 2007 VOTING MEMBER – LAY MALE.

DESTRUCTION  
OF BALLOTS  
**SA06.05.22**

A motion was made and seconded to destroy the ballots from the elections. Bishop Skrenes thanked the Elections Committee for their work.  
MOTION CARRIED.

OFFERING  
TOTALS

It was announced that the offering of quarters for World Hunger totaled \$12,032.62. The Tanzania Choir and Seminary Scholarship offering totaled \$3,106.85.

REPORT OF  
THE ELCA

Mr. Doug Haugen, Director, Lutheran Men in Mission, presented the report of the ELCA.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 14  
JOURNEY  
TOGETHER  
FAITHFULLY  
THREE/ELCA  
SOCIAL  
STATEMENT  
ON SEXUALITY  
TASK FORCE

Resolution Number 14, Journey Together Faithfully Three, submitted by the Congregation Council – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, WI was presented. The recommendation of the Synod Council was defeat.

WHEREAS, the 2005 NGLS Assembly and the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly resolved to “**concentrate on finding ways to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements, recognizing the God-given mission and communion we share,**” (Recommendation 1 on Sexuality Study of ELCA Church Council to the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly - Resolution 9 of 2005 NGLS Assembly), and

WHEREAS, synodical Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes stated: “**...that the results of the Assembly (on ELCA Church Council Recommendations Two and Three) were painful to many in this synod;...and the results**

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**were also reassuring to others.”** (The Rev. Thomas A. Skrenes, NGLS Bishop, Notes & Quotes, Vol. 18, Issue 9), and

WHEREAS, the ELCA has provided a timeline for its member synods and congregations to participate in the formation of this ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality through the study Journey Together Faithfully

Three (JTF3), **beginning in December 2006 and ending in October 2007**, then to participate in the study and response to the first draft of the ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality during **2008**, and final draft of same in **2009**, and

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Lakes Synod (NGLS) had constituted a Homosexuality Study Task Force (HSTF) during years 2000-2005, which assisted the NGLS in providing **“opportunities for discussion, education, reflection, understanding, learning, dialogue, and prayer on the issue of homosexuality and related pastoral care concerns” (SC00.09.17)**, including the study of Journey Together Faithfully (JTF) One and Two, and

WHEREAS, the NGLS Conference Presidents, when meeting with NGLS Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes on **Thursday, February 23, 2006**, agreed that the HSTF had been helpful in the conversation, and thus unanimously recommended that Bishop Skrenes have the NGLS Council consider constituting another task force to assist the NGLS in the study of JTF3, the first and final draft of the ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality, and

WHEREAS, the NGLS Council at its meeting on **Friday/Saturday, April 7/8, 2006**, tabled that recommendation, thus for the sake of adequate preparation so that the voices of the NGLS be heard in the process of preparation for an ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this 2006 NGLS Assembly direct the NGLS Council to constitute a task force charged to continue providing opportunities for discussion, education, reflection, understanding, learning, dialogue, and prayer on the issues of sexuality, including homosexuality, and related pastoral care concerns, and that such provisions will include assistance to NGLS members and pastors, conferences and congregations in the study of JTF3, as well as the first and final drafts of the ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a report of the ministry of this task force be submitted directly to the NGLS Assembly 2007, 2008, and 2009, and that at the conclusion of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2009, this 2006 NGLS Assembly’s resolutions will have been fulfilled and this task force’s ministry concluded.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 14. Discussion followed. The motion was defeated. After declaring the motion defeated a

division of the house of requested. Bishop Skrenes noted that the request for the division was not made immediately and therefore was not in order. Nonetheless the Bishop agreed to a division. The vote was 64 yes to 126 no. The motion remained defeated.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14 WAS DEFEATED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 15  
AMEND  
PROPOSED  
2007 SYNOD  
BUDGET

Resolution Number 15, Amend Proposed 2007 Synod Budget, submitted by the Lutheran (ELCA) Campus Ministries at Northern Michigan University and Michigan Technological University, was presented. Synod Council recommends defeat of the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Northern Great Lakes Synod has before it an amendment to create a Synod Campus Ministry Committee (S11.1.A06), and

WHEREAS, this amendment is undertaken in response to the dissolution of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LCMWUM) in February 2006 which previously provided oversight and financial support to the campus ministries in the six synod region, and

WHEREAS, the NGLS has consistently and faithfully supported the work of campus ministry to LCMWUM through its budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, this new NGLS committee is formed to provide oversight of Campus Ministry sites in the NGLS at Northern Michigan University and Michigan Technological University; furthermore, the Campus Ministry Committee shall provide recommendations for financial support as part of the synodical budgeting process, and

WHEREAS, the present proposed 2007 budget represents a 16% cut from 2006, and

WHEREAS, the financial support for campus ministry sites in the NGLS is in the form of salary support, which allows for the presence of ordained clergy that represent critical Lutheran outreach and support for young people on both college campuses; there, be it

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council revisit its proposed budget and maintain campus ministry funding at the 2006 level, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the campus ministry committee, (established by synod action this day) shall provide a 2007 budget for the synodical council review and provide a plan for funding for future years.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 15. The drafters of the resolution agreed to an editorial change and removed the words “established by synod action this day.” Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution with the following:  
“RESOLVED, that the Budget 2007 for Lutheran Campus Ministry be reduced by \$5,000 from the 2006 Budget and that the contribution to the ELCA be reduced to 53.5% for 2007.

**SA06.05.23**

THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 15  
WAS ADOPTED.

**SA06.05.24**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15 WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 16  
FOR A  
CULTURE  
OF PEACE  
AND  
NONVIOLENCE

Resolution Number 16, For a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence, submitted by Rev. Tim Bernard; Rev. John Kuziej (Justice Advocacy Committee); Rev. Chrys Levesque; Rev. Nancy Amacher; Rev. Virginia Eggert; Rev. Katherine Finnegan; Kathy Godec; Rev. Laurel Halvorson Bernard; Rev. Jon Magnuson; Rev. Jimalee Jones; Rev. Leon Linquist; Rev. Tari Stage-Harvey; Rev. Katheryn King; Rev. Bill Shepard; Rev. Margaret Johnson; Rev. Fred Kinsey was presented by Rev. Dorothy Lindstrom, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.

WHEREAS, “We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers.” (From the ELCA Social Statement, *For Peace in God’s World, Introduction*, adopted by the 1995 Churchwide Assembly), and

WHEREAS, “The Church as a community for peace is also to be a **deliberating presence** in society...a setting of freedom and respect where believers with different perspectives may learn from one another in the unity of faith. Issues that shape our world — including dilemmas of military service and confronting human evil through nonviolence — are proper themes for discussion in the Church.” (From the ELCA Social Statement, *For Peace in God’s World, 2.B.*, adopted by the 1995 Churchwide Assembly), and

WHEREAS, “Disagreements, conflicts, and competition among nations, groups, and individuals are inevitable, but wars are not.” (From the ELCA Social Statement, *For Peace in God’s World, 5.A.*, adopted by the 1995 Churchwide Assembly). And, “A world with less hate and misunderstanding is a more secure one.” (From the ELCA Statement, *Living in a Time of Terrorism*, approved by the board of the Division for Church in Society and adopted by the ELCA Church Council on April 18, 2004), and

WHEREAS, “a dramatic new initiative has gained momentum”, that is, the Nobel Appeal, by 24 former Nobel Peace Prize winners called, “The International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World”, which was approved by the 1999 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and 31 ELCA synods. (From: “Equipping for Peacemaking”, an ELCA training event in Peace and Nonviolence), and

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WHEREAS, “We need to face the truth: our culture not only has serious deficiencies dealing with conflict and violence. By all the evidence, our culture is stuck. And it is stuck in ways the church is uniquely equipped to help out, if we can grasp the gifts of the Gospel that might make such help possible. (From: “Equipping for Peacemaking”, an ELCA training event in Peace and Nonviolence), and

WHEREAS, “The Decade for Peace is a particularly hopeful initiative for us as Lutherans”, by offering “a context to respond to our culture’s limitations in dealing with conflict and violence..”, to “rediscover a neglected dimension of the Gospel, and to experiment with the potent resources that dimension offers for improving our Sunday Schools, youth groups, Bible study, and methods of handling conflicts in our committees and among our leaders.” (From: “Equipping for Peacemaking”, an ELCA training event in Peace and Nonviolence); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes synod join with the 31 synods of the ELCA who have passed resolutions, and also support the Nobel Appeal, declaring 2001-2010 “The International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World”, and that all congregations and entities of the Northern Great Lakes Synod be encouraged to use the ELCA resources that are available for study and discussion at all levels in our church, communities and family life, including the Lutheran document, “Equipping for Peacemaking”, and those of the Lutheran Peace Fellowship and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Justice Advocacy Committee of the NGLS lead our synod’s congregations and other synod entities in fulfilling this task.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 16. Discussion followed. Bishop Skrenes called for a division of the house. The vote was Yes – 123; No – 65.

**SA06.05.25**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 17  
SYNOD  
OFFICE

Resolution Number 17, Synod Office, submitted by the Synod Council, was presented by Rev. Dorothy Lindstrom. The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.

WHEREAS, the 1987 constituting convention of the Northern Great Lakes Synod directed that this synod’s office be located in Marquette, Michigan, but that 1987 convention action did not define Marquette further, and

WHEREAS, since 1988, the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette has graciously provided office space for the Northern Great Lakes Synod at 1029 N. Third Street in Marquette at a reduced lease cost, and



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WHEREAS, Messiah Lutheran Church, along with the synod, is now considering a renovation of the synod house, adding square footage to the building to allow the offices of Lutheran Social Services to be housed there with the synod, and

WHEREAS, the Synod Council, as a steward of the resources of the synod, wishes to explore all possibilities, and

WHEREAS, Messiah Lutheran Church is now seeking a long term lease agreement with the synod and Lutheran Social Services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod Council is authorized by the Synod Assembly to negotiate and enter into a long-term lease agreement in duration for the best possible office space in the Marquette County, **MI** with Messiah Lutheran Church, or other leaseholders.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 17. The drafters of the resolution agreed to two editorial changes (as indicated in the resolution). Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.26**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17 WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 18  
FUNDING FOR  
NGLS VICE  
PRESIDENT  
AT ELCA  
CHURCHWIDE  
ASSEMBLIES

Resolution Number 18, Funding for NGLS Vice President at ELCA Churchwide Assemblies, submitted by Rev. John Shallow, was presented by Rev. Dorothy Lindstrom. The Resolutions Committee has no recommendation.

RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod incorporate in its future budgets the costs attendant to sending the NGLS Vice President as a visitor to each ELCA Churchwide Assembly when she/he is not an elected voting member.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution to read:

RESOLVED, that the Northern Great Lakes Synod incorporate in its future budgets, budget permitting, the costs attendant to sending the NGLS Vice President as a visitor to each ELCA Churchwide Assembly when she/he is not an elected voting member.

**SA06.05.27**

THE MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 18 WAS ADOPTED.

**SA06.05.28**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18 AS AMENDED WAS ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 19  
THANK YOU TO  
LEGISLATURE

Resolution Number 19, Thank you to Legislature, submitted by Rev. Robert Langseth, was presented by Rev. Dorothy Lindstrom. The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of the resolution.

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NUMBER 19  
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WHEREAS, the United States has consistently benefited from legal and legalized opportunities for immigrants, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the NGLS in Assembly, express thanks to our Wisconsin and Upper Michigan congressional delegation for working on legislation that seeks a process for addressing the issues of those who are illegal immigrants, and we direct the bishop of the synod to convey this message of appreciation to our representatives.

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It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution. Discussion followed.

**SA06.05.29**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19 WAS ADOPTED.

THANKS

Bishop Skrenes asked that the Assembly recognize and thank the Resolutions Committee with their applause.

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 11  
AMENDED  
FISCAL  
YEAR 2006  
BUDGET

Synod Treasurer Rev. Stephen Cowen presented Resolution Number 11, Amended Fiscal Year 2006 Budget. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the amended Fiscal Year 2006 budget in the amount of \$1,971,378 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report Addendum on pages A18-20 be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 11.

**SA06.05.30**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11 WAS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 12  
FISCAL  
YEAR 2007  
BUDGET

Synod Treasurer Rev. Stephen Cowen presented Resolution Number 12, Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. The Synod Council recommends adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Year 2007 budget in the amount of \$1,879,206 as printed in the Pre-Assembly Report Addendum on pages A18-20 be hereby adopted by the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

It was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution Number 12. Discussion followed. Synod Treasurer Cowen clarified the number adjustment to the total budget because of the adoption of Resolution Number 15.

**SA06.05.31**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12 WAS ADOPTED

SALES TOTALS

It was announced that the Third World Shoppe had total sales of \$3,166.

NGLS WOMEN OF  
THE ELCA

Betty Letscher, President of the Synodical Women's Organization, presented their report. She also introduced the board members for the organization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Virginia Eggert, Chair of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, gave some final announcements.

ORDER FOR  
CLOSING AND  
ADJOURNMENT

Bishop Skrenes led the Assembly in the Order for Closing of Assembly. The Nineteenth Assembly of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was declared adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

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Date

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Rev. Jonathan Schmidt, Synod Secretary

Karen Kolstad, Recording Secretary

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Date

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Orice Walters, Synod Vice President