

Resolution Regarding Youth Mission Trips

WHEREAS mission work has a way of making faith active in love; and

WHEREAS “good works” help strengthen and enhance faith; and

WHEREAS Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Men in Mission and Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have shown that people are eager to do good; and

WHEREAS the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program has proven to be very meaningful; and

WHEREAS the Service Project component at the National Youth Gatherings has been shown to be very meaningful to the participants; and

WHEREAS ELCA congregations wanting to take their youth on mission trips have to organize these trips on their own or go through non-denominational groups that organize mission trips; and

WHEREAS many of our ELCA congregations take their youth on mission trips; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to explore the merits of creating an ELCA Churchwide organization dedicated to organizing mission trips for high school youth.

Submitted by the North Conference Caucus meeting of the Synod