RESOLUTION #4 - A Call to Celebrate and Support Lutheran Campus Ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod *(Submitted by: Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, Greater Milwaukee Synod; Kingo LC, Milwaukee; Lake Park LC, Milwaukee; St. Luke LC, Slinger, WI; All Peoples Church, Milwaukee; Redeemer LC, Milwaukee)*

WHEREAS young adults are among the most absent population in our worshiping communities and Lutheran Campus Ministry serves alongside the colleges and universities where large numbers of young adults are engaged in higher education; and

WHEREAS a significant number of professional leaders in the ELCA cite Lutheran Campus Ministry as instrumental in assisting them in their call to professional ministry in this church; and

WHEREAS research regarding the factors that encourage young adults to remain committed to church life includes campus ministry as a key factor in sustaining their faith journey; and

WHEREAS our calling is to support public higher education to serve the common good and rejoice in the faithful presence of campus ministry in public colleges and universities (*ELCA Statement on Education – Our Calling in Education, 2007*); and

WHEREAS the Greater Milwaukee Synod has *An Ecumenical Agreement* with Marquette University Campus Ministry in affirmation of our common commitment to the goal of full communion between Lutherans and Catholics; and

WHEREAS the sustainability of Campus Ministry lies largely within the Synod, due to dramatic drops in ELCA national financial support,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED **t**hat the Greater Milwaukee Synod, which has faithfully supported Lutheran Campus Ministry, continue to encourage its congregations and individuals to support the mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lutheran Campus Ministry sites and the Board:

a) provide education materials and information about its ministry to congregations and individuals within the Synod
b) create partnerships between campus ministry settings and congregations and individuals;
c) invite congregations to hold campus ministries in prayer through an annual Campus Ministry Sunday;
d) receive a synod-wide offering on that Sunday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these partnerships seek to strengthen relationships with young adults from our congregations on their faith journey while engaged in higher education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these partnerships seek to strengthen visibility and financial support for Lutheran Campus Ministry and its mission in this Synod.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greater Milwaukee Synod memorializes the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to encourage, support and strengthen its relationship to Lutheran Campus Ministry across this church.