

RESOLUTION #6 - For the Protection of Collective Bargaining

(Submitted by Milwaukee Cluster I)

WHEREAS the 1999 ELCA Social Statement, *Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All*, states, “We commit ourselves as a church to cultivate participatory workplaces, support the rights of employees to engage in collective bargaining, and speak against the undercutting of union organizing activities.”; and

WHEREAS the collective bargaining rights of public sector workers in Wisconsin and other states have now come under attack in Wisconsin’s budget repair bill and other bills;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Milwaukee Synod shall commit itself to make every effort to defend and restore the collective bargaining rights of public sector workers and shall express this position to the Legislature, Governor, and Congressional delegation of Wisconsin.

MOTION Not to consider Resolution 6 and that, within 30 days, the synod council be directed to establish a team comprised of stakeholder parties, public employees, community, business and theological leadership in our synod, to develop a faithful vision of the need for participatory work places and the dignity and importance of all people and a plan for the church to take the lead in guiding the community into a more careful discussion of collective bargaining and its place in life-giving work places.