

Reference and Counsel Committee Report

The Greater Milwaukee Synod 2014 Reference and Counsel Committee met to review properly submitted resolutions and memorials on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Present

Reference and Counsel Committee Members

Bishop Jeff Barrow, Greater Milwaukee Synod
Milwaukee 1—Rev. Barb Rasmussen
Milwaukee 4—Ms. Lisa Krekling
No. Lakeshore—Rev. John Norquist
Northwest—Paul Bedker, Chair
Lake Country—Rev. Bob Thays
Waukesha—Rev. Karen Pahl
Racine—Dwayne Olson
Kenosha/W. Racine—Ms. Carol Gillmore

Actions

Resolution 1 on Establishment of a Synod Endowment Fund

The committee recommends adoption of this resolution by the Synod Assembly.

Resolution 2 on Encouraging Voting Member Diversity and Participation

The committee recommends that this resolution not be adopted by the Synod Assembly.

Rationale: While very sympathetic to the intent of this resolution, the Committee felt legislating solutions to the concerns expressed could, in fact, be counter productive. Such measures would limit flexibility in event planning and perhaps result in unintended consequences. The Committee recognizes that a thorough discussion of these issues is needed within the Synod.

Resolution 3 on Encouraging Intentional Called Interim Ministry in our Synod

The Committee forwards this resolution to the Synod Assembly without recommendation. The Committee notes this resolution would have an impact on the Budget being discussed by this Assembly for the upcoming fiscal year. Under the Rules of this Assembly, unless amended, a 2/3 majority of Voting Members is required.

Resolution 4 on Opposing Discriminatory Legislation

The Committee recommends adoption of this resolution by the Synod Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bedker

