Resolution 2 – 2016 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
Resolution to Establish an Annual Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin
and Upper Michigan Sunday
Submitted by the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council

Resolution Summary: *This resolution encourages each congregation of the synod to hold an annual LSS Sunday in order to highlight this ministry and better serve and love our neighbor.*

Whereas, the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chapter Four, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, states that: "to participate in God's mission, this church shall…Establish, support, and recognize institutions and agencies that minister to people in spiritual and temporal needs" (C4.03.m) and

Whereas, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS) traces its origin to 1882, when Pastor E. J. Homme opened a home for orphaned children in Wittenberg, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, LSS currently operates over 260 programs in 115 communities throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan; and

Whereas, in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, LSS offers many programs, including refugee resettlement, counseling, adoption and pregnancy services, birth to three program, housing services, residential treatment for addictions, day time drop-in shelters for individuals with mental illness, clothing distribution for children who are homeless, Connections (IRIS consulting services), mental health crisis residential stabilization, half-way house (Department of Corrections); and

Whereas, the partnership between congregations of this synod and LSS, as exhibited through prayer, volunteers, in-kind donations of space and resources, and financial support, is invaluable in meeting the needs of the over 100,000 people impacted by LSS each year; therefore be it

Resolved, That congregations of this synod are encouraged to observe an annual Lutheran Social Services Sunday where this ministry of the church is remembered in prayer, information on the breadth and scope of services shared, and an opportunity for financial support made available.