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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2002

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA2002.01	Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and People of Faith	<i>Support by means of prayer, participation and budget the synod's committees assigned to lead the "Political Will" process(Interfaith Task Force to End Homelessness, and Committee to End Homelessness) and encourage synod leadership to support those efforts.</i>	Approved
SA2002.02	Mission to Apartment Dwellers	<i>Establish a synod commission to implement, explore and activate a program to reach the mobile, hard to reach, and uninvolved.</i>	Approved
SA2002.03	Resolution to Require Congregational Ratification Vote on Changes to Visions and Expectations Policy for Clergy	<i>Memorialize ELCA 2003 Churchwide Assembly to call for a congregational ratification vote on any policy changes to V&E document, especially in regard to gay/lesbian ordination, and require that ratification require 2/3 of all ELCA congregations to approve the ratification for the change to become effective.</i>	Tabled. Vote: Yes- 177, No- 173, Abstain- 8
SA2002.04	Resolution of Welcome	<i>Affirm 1) that gay/lesbian people and their families share all that comes from being God's creatures; 2) welcome people of all sexual orientations into membership of the synod; 3) and encourage them to share the sacramental and general life of this synod; and 4) encourage synod congregations to consider becoming "Reconciling in Christ" congregations.</i>	Approved. Vote: Yes- 184, No- 142, Abstain- 9 Amendment to strike "#4" failed. Vote: Yes- 159, No- 162, Abstain- 9
SA2002.05	Welcoming Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals While Disapproving of Homosexual Behavior	<i>Memorialize ELCA to make known current ELCA teaching that "homosexuality is a 'departure from...God's creation,' "and should not be condoned, but to declare a welcome to gays, lesbians, and bisexual persons as we do all others.</i>	Defeated Substitute motion defeated. Move to strike second clause defeated. Motion to suspend adjournment until vote resolved was approved.
SA2002.06	On Sexual Behavior	<i>Memorialize ELCA to affirm with clarity and urgency that the Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, calls us daily to forgiveness, newness and transformation to live in the likeness of Jesus Christ.</i>	Defeated Motion to table defeated.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2001

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA2001.01	To Establish an Endowment to Strengthen Leadership for Mission	<i>Authorize establishment of/support for an "Endowment to Strengthen Leadership for Mission," and Synod Council appoint a committee to implement guidelines for us of the funds. <u>Amendment:</u> Memorialize ELCA Churchwide Assembly to direct Board of Pensions to examine policies and adopt methods to bring into</i>	Approved as amended

equity pensions of professional leaders of the ELCA.

SA2001.02	Affirmation and Clarification of the Nature of the Ordained Ministry	<p>Memorialize 2001 Churchwide Assembly to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Recognize Episcopal Church's tradition of "threefold ministry," 2) Reaffirm ELCA's historical commitment to the priesthood of all believers and the single office of ordained ministry, 3) Direct the Presiding Bishop to convey this church's historical commitment to our traditional and confessional position regarding ordination to the presiding bishop/primate of the Episcopal Church/USA. 	Defeated Vote: Yes- 179, No- 204, Abstain- 18
SA2001.03	Involvement of Laity in the Ordination Service	<i>Encourage adding the involvement of laity ordination services, especially in the laying on of hands.</i>	Approved
SA2001.04	Accessibility Sunday	<i>Memorialize ELCA 2001 Churchwide Assembly to designate the second Sunday in October every year as "Accessibility Sunday."</i>	Approved
SA2001.05	Stand With Africa: A Campaign of Hope	<i>Urge all synod congregations and synod committees to publicize and support "Stand With Africa: A Campaign of Hope" (AIDS crisis, chronic hunger, need for peacemaking, international debt).</i>	Approved
SA2001.06	Moratorium on the Death Penalty	<i>Notify Washington Governor and state representatives of ELCA position on capital punishment and urge a moratorium in this state; encourage synod congregations to use ELCA study resources on the subject; and encourage congregations to contact elected leaders urging passage of legislation to put a moratorium on the death penalty.</i>	Approved Vote: Yes-184, No- 92, Abstain- 21; Motion to table failed; Motion to refer to Synod Council failed.
SA2001.07	Resolution to Study and Modify the Call Process	<i>Direct Synod Council to appoint a task force to investigate the utility/efficiency of current call process and recommend appropriate changes to the Council by the end of 2001 for action at the 2002 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA2001.08	Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Coffee	<i>Encourage congregations to use "Lutheran World Federation Fair Trade Coffee" and us this product at future synod assemblies and synod-sponsored events.</i>	Approved
SA2001.09	Peacemaking in the Decade for Peace	<i>Sponsor training programs and materials for congregations and synod leaders provide staff support and funding to assure training in every cluster by 2003, and memorialize ELCA Churchwide Assembly to provide the same.</i>	No action recorded

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2000

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA2000.01	Safe Havens Campaign	<i>Urge each congregation to join "Campaign for Safe Havens" and be intentional in identifying and addressing needs of children, especially in terms of the actions recommended by the "Campaign."</i>	Approved
SA2000.02	A Resolution that the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod Appoint a Committee to Design a Salary Equalization Policy	<i>Direct that the synod bishop appoint a committee to design a salary equalization policy, with a report to the synod assembly no later than 2001 (amended from 2002).</i>	Approved as amended
SA2000.03	A Resolution to Furnish Salary Data	<i>Direct that in tandem with publishing salary guidelines, the synod collect, pub-</i>	Refer to Synod Council

to Congregations

lish and distribute to congregations data on salaries paid to both rostered and non-rostered staff, including averages and grouped by position and congregation size.

- SA2000.04 **A Resolution to Propose a New Synod Amendment about Lay Representatives to Synod Assembly** *Amend Synod Bylaw to include the phrase, "Lay members elected by congregations shall be delegates to the Synod Assembly, representing their congregation."* Failed to obtain the 2/3 majority vote required
- SA2000.05 **A Resolution Calling for an Amendment to the Constitution of the ELCA** *Memorialize ELCA Churchwide Assembly to amend ELCA Constitution and Continuing Resolutions by replacing "voting member" with "voting representative."* Defeated
- SA2000.06 **A Memorial to the ELCA Assembly Requesting the Assembly to Rescind the 1999 CCM Decision** (Revised title) *Memorialize ELCA Churchwide Assembly to rescind the 1999 "Called to Common Mission" decision.* Amendment to delete the second line of the title.

Substitute Motion considered in place of revised Resolution #6:

- SA2000.06 **A Memorial to the ELCA Assembly** *Memorialize ELCA 2001 Churchwide Assembly to change constitutional text to allow members, congregations, pastors and bishops to "freely accept or reject local implementation of an "historic episcopate," and committing this synod to continue to work with other denominations.* Approved Vote: Yes- 181, No- 179, Abstain- 3

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1999

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA99.01	Mutual Partnership of PLU and the Church	<i>Affirm continued support for PLU . (struck direction to the Synod Council to develop a strategy for increasing financial support over the next five years).</i>	Approved as amended
SA99.02 (as revised)	Economic Life	<i>Urge congregations to study ELCA Division for Church & Society statements on economic justice and speak out on those issues within their communities</i>	Approved
SA99.03	Recognizing Internship Costs to Site Congregations	<i>Memorialize ELCA Division for Ministry to credit congregations with intern settings for up to 50% of the cost of sponsoring the internship in their annual reports.</i>	Approved
SA99.04	Lutheran High School Association of Washington	<i>Encourage congregations to support toe work of the Lutheran High School Association of Washington.</i>	Approved
SA99.05	A Resolution to Reauthorize the Task Force to Study Ministry with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons	<i>Empower Synod Council to reauthorize the Task Force to Study Ministry with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Persons.</i>	Approved
SA99.06	Lambeth	<i>Adopt the statements of the 1998 Anglican Communion's Lambeth Conference regarding marriage, sexual orientation and responses to those states.</i>	Approved (?)
SA99.07	Visions And Expectation	<i>Request ELCA Church Council to append the <u>Vision and Expectations</u> statement requiring ordained clergy who are homosexual in their self-understanding to abstain from homosexual relationships.</i>	Approved

9, and 10 SA99.08	Amendment to SA99.08	<i>Prayerfully support voting members to the Churchwide Assembly from this synod with freedom to reach their own decisions on this issue; and call on all members and congregations to honor the decision of the Churchwide Assembly.</i>	Postponed: yes- 174, no- 154, Abstain- 8
SA99.09	Amendment to SA99.09	<i>Prayerfully support voting members to the Churchwide Assembly from this synod with freedom to reach their own decisions on this issue; and call on all members and congregations to honor the decision of the Churchwide Assembly.</i>	Postponed: yes- 174, no- 154, Abstain- 8
SA99.10	Amendment to SA99.10	<i>Prayerfully support voting members to the Churchwide Assembly from this synod with freedom to reach their own decisions on this issue; and call on all members and congregations to honor the decision of the Churchwide Assembly.</i>	Postponed: yes- 174, no- 154, Abstain- 8
SA99.08	Mahtomdei	<i>Memorialize 1999 Churchwide Assembly to reject <u>Called to Common Mission</u>, but continue to work with Episcopalian neighbors in sharing ministry and in acknowledging each other's clergy ordinations.</i>	Postponed indefinitely
SA99.09	Called to Common Mission	<i>Affirm "misunderstandings" and "expectations" developed by the ELCA Conference of Bishops for casting an ELCA understanding of <u>Called to Common Mission</u></i>	Postponed indefinitely
SA99.10	Affirmation of Called to Common Mission	<i>Affirm synodical ecumenical commitment and prepare for full participation in the 1999 effective date; and memorialize ELCA's Presiding Bishop and Church Council of this synods support to enhance the unity and mission of the Church.</i>	Postponed Indefinitely
SA99.11	Full Communion with the Moravian	<i>Memorialize ELCA Presiding Bishop and Church Council of this synod's support for "Full Communion" with the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church.</i>	Approved
SA99.12	A Resolution to Affirm and Implement Mission Strategy-- "Mission 2000: Making Christ Known"	<i>Designate the year between 1999 and 2000 synod assemblies as a "Year For Mission; enable the Synod Council to gather a Reformation Offering to assist in funding; and celebrate the theme at the 2000 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA99.13	Support of our Companion Synod	<i>Focus prayer for Ethiopian leaders visiting the synod, for the Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, to become aware of dynamics affecting that country, to celebrate the faith we commonly hold, and be mindful of the blessings shared together with them.</i>	Approved
SA99.14	Thanksgiving	<i>Expression of gratitude to those who planned and gave leadership to the 1999 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA2001.10	Seminarian Health Insurance	<i>Memorialize the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to direct Board of Pensions to provide a Health Care Plan for ELCA seminarians to be paid for <u>to investigate</u> the possibility of funding it by a surcharge on premiums of all Active Status Members. Failed amendment: "a multi-dimensional health care plan for s seminarians which would include ELCA Seminarians."</i>	Approved as amended
SA2001.11	Global Warming and Climate	<i>Commit congregations to study threat of global warming, examine our practices of energy consumption, give thanks for bounty of creation and confess misuse of those gifts, and join other Lutheran and ecumenical organizations committed to active reduction of this threat.</i>	Approved. Motion to delete last clause was defeated.
SA2001.12	Support of the Lutheran Maritime Ministry of the ELCA	<i>Direct the Synod Council to forward this resolution to the ELCA Church Council: that we affirm LMM as a vital part of the church's ongoing mission, and establish</i>	Approved

an annual budget, with recommended initial amount of \$100,000.

SA2001.13 **A Resolution of Thanksgiving** *Expression of gratitude of those planning and leading the assembly and synod.* No action recorded

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1998

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA98.01	A Resolution to Adopt A Protocol for Study and Evaluation of Ministry to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Persons	<i>Empower Synod Council to create a task force to study ministry in the synod with gay, lesbian and bisexual persons that will monitor other synods' discussion and provide forums within this synod; to report to 1999 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA98.02	A Resolution to Commend The Model for "Reconciled in Christ" Congregations	<i>Together with Resolution SA98.01, use the Reconciled in Christ model as a foundation for carrying out congregational mission.</i>	Motion to table failed; Amended motion as reported here approved
SA98.03	A Resolution to Prohibit Same-Sex Weddings	<i>Prohibits weddings of same-sex persons (or anything resembling such a ceremony) from being performed in any church or by any rostered person of this synod, honoring ministry to homosexuals, while not blessing the relationship, and requiring the bishop to uphold both the state and church law against such actions.</i>	Tabled
SA98.04	A Resolution to Establish A Protocol for Study and Evaluation of A Lutheran Proposal for a Revision of the	<i>Initiate study and debate on "Called to Common Mission" in all congregations prior to 1999 Synod Assembly; the Luth/Episc. task force to prepare a pro-and-con summary for general consideration.</i>	Approved as amended Amendment to add "pro/con" : Yes-115, No-102
SA98.05	A Resolution to Affirm A Mutually Respected Lutheran-Episcopal Ecumenical Agreement	<i>Memorialize ELCA 1999 Churchwide Assembly to affirm a Lutheran/Episcopal agreement that respects both traditions, but does not impose the historic episcopacy on the ELCA; and to reject any agreement which compromises these issues</i>	Defeated
SA98.06	A Resolution to Affirm A Concordat Which Does Not Require the ELCA to Adopt the Historic Episcopacy	<i>Memorialize ELCA 1999 Churchwide Assembly to affirm a Lutheran/Episcopal Concordat that respects both traditions, but does not impose the historic episcopacy on the ELCA.</i>	Tabled
SA98.07	A Resolution to Support A "Decade for a Culture of Nonviolence"	<i>Support "Decade for a Culture of Nonviolence" and "Year of Education for Nonviolence", encouraging congregations to make use of available resources; and memorialize ELCA 1999 Churchwide Assembly to adopt this resolution and Office of Bishop to support its implementation.</i>	Approved
SA98.08	A Resolution to Affirm Lutheran Men in Mission	<i>Memorialize ELCA 1999 Churchwide Assembly to reaffirm Lutheran Men in Mission as principal means for enabling ministry of men in the ELCA .</i>	Approved
SA98.09	A Resolution to Reject Invectives Against The Anabaptists	<i>Acknowledge regret for Martin Luther's harmful reaction against Anabaptists and direct Synod Council to forward this resolution to the ELCA Church Council for consideration and action.</i>	Approved
SA98.10	A Resolution to Reschedule The Mission 2000 Mother's Day Offering to Pentecost Sunday	<i>Conduct the Mission 2000 offering on Pentecost, rather than on Mother's Day</i>	Approved
SA98.11	A Resolution to Recognize Teachers	<i>Recognize teachers at Seattle Lutheran High school as an arm of the Church's</i>	Approved

	at Seattle Lutheran High School	<i>ministry to young men and women and their families.</i>	
SA98.12	A Resolution to Affirm and Implement Mission 2000 Goals, Objectives and Values	<i>Uphold synod's commitment to goals, objectives and values of Mission 2000 including its resources, assembly members, congregations, and all boards, committees, and task forces.</i>	Approved
SA98.13	Challenge Resolution in Support of Congregational Endowment Funds	<i>Encourage and nurture congregations to establish endowment funds (80% by January 1, 2000) and report status to 1999 and 2000 synod assemblies.</i>	Approved
SA98.14	A Resolution to Support Our Sisters and Brothers in Ethiopia and Eritrea	<i>Express concern for safety of people of Ethiopia and Eritrea, with prayer for a cessation to armed conflict and use of diplomatic discussion to resolve these conflicts on the boarder between the two countries.</i>	Approved
SA98.15	A Resolution of Gratitude	<i>Expression of gratitude for those who planned and provided leadership for the 1998 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA98.16	A Resolution to Recognize David Swartling's Service to the Northwest Washington Synod	<i>Expression of gratitude for the extensive and dedicated service and leadership of David Swartling.</i>	Approved

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions – 1997

SA.97.04	Concordat of Agreement	Memorial to Churchwide Assembly regarding The Concordat - See minutes	Approved
SA.97.05	Surplus of Receipts	Allocation plan for surplus of income over budgeted expenditures	Approved
SA97.01	Intern Support	Memorial to ELCA Church Council to seek means to enhance internship financing and encouraging synod congregations to be more creative in funding sites.	Approved
SA.97.02	Economic Justice	Encouraging congregations to identify and reach out to those who are harmed by the changes in the welfare system, to increase awareness and support of social service agencies, engage in active participation with the LPPO in supporting public policies which promote economic justice	Approved

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1996

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA96.01	The Lutheran-Episcopal Proposal To Enhance The Unity And Mission Of The Churches	<i>Synod affirmation of its ecumenical commitment and encourage congregations to utilize ELCA study documents , and to inform the ELCA Church Council of this synod's support.</i>	Approved
SA96.02	The Lutheran-Reformed Proposal To Enhance The Unity And Mission Of The Churches	<i>Synod affirmation of its ecumenical commitment and encourage congregations to utilize ELCA study documents , and to inform the ELCA Church Council of this synod's support.</i>	Approved
SA96.03	Lutheran-Roman Catholic Proposal To Lift The Mutual Condemnations On Justification	<i>Synod affirmation of its ecumenical commitment and encourage congregations to utilize ELCA study documents , and to inform the ELCA Church Council of this synod's support.</i>	Approved
SA96.04	Resolution Regarding Adoption And Implementation Of Statement Of	<i>Endorse "Statement of Policy Regarding Sexual Misconduct by Ordained Ministers, associates in Ministry and Others on the ELCA Roster Maintained By The</i>	Approved

	Policy Regarding Sexual Misconduct By Rostered Persons In The Northwest Washington Synod	<i>Synod, maintaining a “zero tolerance” policy, ensuring that all congregations possess a copy, and that all synod rostered persons be required to complete the training provided by the synod.</i>	
SA96.05	Resolution Regarding Developing Working Visits, Relationships, and Prayer Ministry With Our Companion Synod	<i>Encourage working visits to and from Northern Ethiopia (companion synod) at all levels, develop prayer intercession groups, and thank God for the opportunity to share with that companion synod.</i>	Approved
SA96.06	Children’s Issues	<i>Encourage synod congregations to be partners with East Coast congregations in the “Stand for Children” rally in Washington, DC; inform congregations of issues and encourage participation in action; and create a synod task force to provide resources for congregations to use.</i>	Approved
SA96.07	Mental Health Ministry	<i>Recognize the need to stand alongside in support of people suffering mental illness and support the Mental Health Ministry sub-committee.</i>	Approved
SA96.08	Resolution to Recognize the Gospel Work of Rostered Persons in Specialized Ministries of the ELCA	<i>Make known those who serve through specialized ministries of the ELCA and support, make use of them, and lift them up in prayer.</i>	Approved
SA96.09	Resolution to Initiate and Implement Mission Strategy Development Process in the Northwest Washington Synod	<i>Instruct the bishop and Synod Council to undertake a planning process for developing a five-year mission strategy plan for the synod, to be presented at the 1997 Synod Assembly for approval.</i>	Approved
SA96.10	Resolution to Promote Endowments in Congregations and in the Northwest Washington Synod	<i>In 1996-97 the Synod Council develop and implement a plan to expand the synods Mission Endowment Fund, reporting to the 1997 assembly the results of the program, and the congregations and agencies which have such funds.</i>	Approved
SA96.11	Resolution to Promote Expansion of the Mission Investment Fund in the Northwest Washington Synod	<i>Endorse ELCA’s Mission Investment Fund and encourage congregational participation, and Synod Council take steps to expand that participation, reporting its findings at the 1997 Synod Assembly.</i>	Approved
SA96.12	Resolution to Study and Implement Linking of Congregations in the Northwest Washington Synod by E-Mail	<i>Submit a report to the 1997 Synod Assembly regarding feasibility and a plan for an inter-congregational electronic network.</i>	Approved
SA96.13	Resolution to Designate Lowell Knutson as Bishop Emeritus	<i>Grant honorary designation of “Bishop Emeritus” of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA to retired Bishop Lowell Knutson.</i>	Approved
SA96.14	Resolution of Thanksgiving for the Ministry and Leadership of Pastor Paul Bartling	<i>Express thanks and appreciation for the service and leadership of the Assistant to the Bishop, with wishes for abundant blessings for Pastor Bartling and his wife, Ruth, in their future, to be celebrated by a musical service and reception.</i>	Approved
SA96.15	Affirmation of Stewardship Covenant	<i>Affirm the synod’s stewardship covenant and encourage congregations to continue to grow in their stewardship response.</i>	Approved; Move to table failed.
SA96.16	Lutheran Social Services of Washington and Idaho, Northwest Area From Roots to Wings Program Expansion and Capital Campaign	<i>Endorse LSS/W&I “From Roots to Wings” Capital Campaign and encourage congregational and individual support.</i>	Approved

SA96.17	Landmine Resolution	<i>Encourage congregations to urge the President and Congress to support a comprehensive ban on landmines without self-destruct capability; and encourage congregations to utilize the "Freedom to Walk" resource packet.</i>	Approved
SA96.18	Resolution of Recognition and Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Camp Lutherwood in its 50th Year of Continuous Service to the Lutheran Community of Western Washington	<i>Express heartfelt appreciation for Lutherwood's half-century of ministry and encourage continued support.</i>	Approved

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1995

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA95.01	Voice And Vote For Retired Associates In Ministry	Memorialize the ELCA to approve voice/vote for Associates In Ministry at Synod Assemblies	Approved
SA95.02	Worship Resources	Memorialize the ELCA to report to and consult with synods regarding the development of worship resources before a new worship book is authorized	Approved
SA95.03	Congregation Contact Person(s) For Board of Outreach	Asks each congregation to provide a contact person for the Board of Outreach	Approved
SA95.04	Support of Synod Outreach Programs	Encourages congregations and individuals to support Mission Partners, The Mission Investment Fund, Mission Founders and Mission Builders	Approved
SA95.05	Synod Assembly Theme For 1997	Asks that 1997 Synod Assembly theme be built around outreach	Approved
SA95.06	Increased Synod Funding for Social Ministry	Asks that beginning with 1996 Synod Budget, funding of social ministry organizations increase until 50% of Synod Budget is devoted to such organizations	Refer to Resolution #9
SA95.07	Domestic Abuse	Asks congregations and Synod to commit to be "safe places" for domestic abuse victims and to openly discuss and fight the problem	Approved
SA95.08	Youth and Family Ministry	Asks congregations to encourage youth leadership and provide opportunity for youth to represent the congregation at Synod Assembly, and that a future assembly be devoted to the theme of youth and family ministry	Approved
SA95.09	Congregational Support for Social Ministry	Asks Synod to recognize/encourage work of social ministry organizations, asks assembly members to educate congregations and encourage support, and charge Bishop and Synod Council to gather representatives from affiliated extended ministries, Churchwide, congregations and other region synods to form a Northwest Washington Synod Outreach Ministries Coalition, and report to the 1996 Synod Assembly with recommendations for future support	Approved (this line and following was approved as an amendment)
SA95.10	Day of Prayer for Peace	Asks congregations to observe August 6, 1995, as a Day of Prayer for Peace	No action (out of time)

SA95.11	Bishop Candidate Forums	Authorizes Synod Council to appoint a task force to develop a process to present bishop nominees in open forums for dialog before next bishop's election	No action (out of time)
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1994

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA94.01	Global Mission Consciousness And Commitment	Encourage congregations to appoint a Global Mission Advocate, and to work to support, foster, and develop mission consciousness and commitment	
SA94.02	Multicultural Ministry	Encourage congregations to submit to the Synod Office the name of a primary contact for multicultural ministry issues, and to work to support, foster, and develop multicultural awareness and ministry	Approved
SA94.03	Renewing Support For Affordable Housing	Renew synodical commitment to address homelessness/affordable housing, and encourage Seattle-area congregations to actively support LATCH and The Compass Center	Approved
SA94.04	Support Of Synodical And Churchwide Ministries	Commit assembly members to ask congregation to increase funding by an additional 1% to support synodical and churchwide ministries	Approved
SA94.05	Request To Establish Task Forces To Explore Right-Sizing Of Region I And The Merger Of The Southwestern Washington And Northwest Washington Synods	1. Invite Region I synods to explore "re-sizing" of the Region 2. Establish a joint task force to study synod mergers and combine proposals to merge the two synods and to make recommendations to the 1995 synod assemblies	Approved Referred to Region I Council Defeated 163 to 155
SA94.06	Lutheran Volunteer Corps	Encourage LVC to establish two homes of volunteers in Seattle and Tacoma; challenge youth to participate; utilize speakers in congregations; invite local LVC committees to inform Synod for information; and grant LVC permission to seek financial support from congregations and individuals	Approved
SA94.07	Welfare Reform	Encourage congregations to study ELCA document on Welfare Reform and take active role in advocating for state legislation; partner with church-related social service organizations to advocate for equitable welfare policy	Approved
SA94.08	Call Process For Pastors In A Congregational Setting (A)	Amend Synod call process to require notification by the Bishop why candidate nominees raised from within the congregation are not presented.	Defeated
SA94.09	Call Process For Pastors In A Congregational Setting (B)	Allow override of synod exclusion of nominees presented by the congregation	Defeated
SA94.10	Commendation For Steven Lansing	Recognition and expression of gratitude for Lansing's service	Approved
SA94.11	World Hunger	Encourage congregations to utilize World Hunger Appeal materials, contributions to the Appeal, and designate a contact person for World Hunger	Approved
SA94.12	Send-off Blessing For Ato Dereje Jemberu	Expression of gratitude for this representative of companion-synod in Ethiopia and conveyance of greeting to that synod	Approved

SA94.13	Thanks To Synod Assembly Planning Task Force	Expression of gratitude for those who planned and managed the assembly	Approved
SA94.14	Memorial Resolution to the ELCA Church Council	Memorialize Church Council to reinstate director positions of ethnic ministries, and reinstate budget for Commission for Multicultural Ministries	Approved - 117 to 96
SA94.15	Youth Resolution	Encourage congregations to elect at least one youth to serve as a lay delegate to the Synod Assembly	Approved

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 1993

CODE	TITLE	SUMMARY	ACTION
SA93.01	Against Harassment	<i>Condemn hate campaigns against the vulnerable of society and encourage congregations to expose and overcome hate, and welcome people of diverse backgrounds.</i>	Passed
SA93.02	Communing of All Baptized Persons	<i>Memorialize the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Church Council and Conference of Bishops lead the church in a study of theological and practical issues raised in communing persons under fifth grade, and respect congregations which have chosen to adopt the practice on the basis of their own studies and actions.</i>	Passed
SA93.03	Statement Against Capital Punishment	<i>Reaffirm ELCA 1991 social statement entitled, "The Death Penalty," and encourage congregations to study it in educational settings.</i>	Passed
SA93.04	Reaffirmation Of Stewardship Covenant	<i>Reaffirm the Northwest Washington Synod Covenant and encourage all congregations to continue to grow in stewardship response.</i>	Passed
SA93.05	Creation Of A Northwest Washington Synod Mission Endowment Fund	<i>Create a Synod Mission Endowment Fund for developing resources to expand mission/ministry, and work with Stewardship Committee to develop and implement a comprehensive program regarding stewardship and giving.</i>	Passed
SA93.06	Volunteerism	<i>Through Synod Council Strengthen the Task Force on Volunteerism and expand the pool of volunteers serving on synod boards committees, and task forces.</i>	Passed
SA93.07	Northwest Washington Synod Structural Review	<i>Delegate to the Synod Council responsibility for analysis of the synod structure regarding fulfilling its ministry, and report to Synod Council by 1994 Assembly.</i>	Passed
SA93.08	Amendment To Call Process For Pastors In A Congregational Setting	<i>Adopt the Call Process Guidelines presented by the Call Process Review Task Force.</i>	Passed
SA93.09	Wholeness And Wellness In Ministry	<i>Instruct the Leadership Support Committee and the Bishop's Task Force on Self-care develop a model for Synod Council review and action at the 1994 Synod Assembly; encourage congregations and church professionals to participate in the Growth in Excellence in Ministry program; and memorialize ELCA Division for Ministry to encourage all seminaries to give attention to 1) spiritual direction, 2) learning of family of origin and family systems theory, 3) collegiality in ministry, and 4) the practice of self-care.</i>	Passed
SA93.10	Lay Leadership Training	<i>Through Synod Council develop and train lay leaders within congregations and</i>	Passed

for congregation councils, with objective to have 20 congregations undertake the training between 1993 and 1994 synod assemblies.

SA93.11	Endorsement Of Shared Ministry Project	<i>Endorse the Shared Ministry Project, utilizing Dr. Tom Christensen's expertise through his experience in the ELCA's work in the Cameroon.</i>	Passed
SA93.12	Funding For New Congregations	<i>Funding of new congregations to be done in direct appeals to individuals and congregations, including Mission Partners; and increase up to 50% annually in the synod budget for 1994 Mission/Development/Outreach Committee.</i>	Referred to Synod Finance Committee for next 1994 Assembly
SA93.13	New Ministry To "Horn Of Africa" People	<i>Endorse new urban ministry in Seattle to "Horn of Africa" people, working especially through Maya Robi (Ethiopian outreach worker;) and invite financial support from synodical and Churchwide to contribute Jul 1, 1993-Dec. 1, 1995</i>	Passed
SA93.14	Internship Support 11	<i>Affirm internship in the educational process and applaud the work of intern supervisors and congregations; and memorialize ELCA to seek enhanced funding by establishing a broader base of support.</i>	Passed
SA93.15	Year Of Outdoor Ministries	<i>Declare and observe "Year of Outdoor Ministries" and encourage special contributions.</i>	Passed
SA93.16	Children's Sabbath Observance	<i>Encourage participation in National Observance of the Children's Sabbath on October 17, 1993.</i>	Passed
SA93.17	Affirming Our Ecumenical Commitment	<i>Affirm ecumenical commitment and encourage congregations to study reports and documents reflecting on relations with other church bodies; encourage congregations to practice ecumenism locally; instruct Synod Council to focus 1995 or 1996 assemblies on ecumenical relations.</i>	Passed
SA93.18	Voice On The Synod Council For Northwest Washington Synod Women Of The ELCA	<i>Grant vote on Synod Council to Northwest Washington Synodical Women's Organization.</i>	Defeated
SA93.19	World Hunger	<i>Support ELCA World Hunger Appeal</i>	Passed
SA93.20	Open Door Ministries	<i>Encourage Open Door Ministries to continue providing counsel and support to gay and lesbian people.</i>	Passed
SA93.21	A Response To The Bombing Of Iraq's Intelligence Headquarters	<i>Repent for the U.S. bombing of Iraq; memorialize ELCA to find non-violent solutions for world peace; send copies of the resolution to the President, Washington State's congressional delegation and U.N. Ambassador.</i>	Read to the Assembly, refer to Synod Council
SA93.22	Creation Of Extended Ministries And Churchwide Giving Goals	<i>Set a goal in preparation of next five year budgets (1994-1998) of increasing the percentage allocated to Extended Ministries and Churchwide budgets by one-half of 1% of a total synod budget.</i>	Read to the Assembly, refer to Synod Council

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SA92.1	Welcoming The Children	<i>Encourage congregations to explore issues affecting children, learn about specific needs of children, and encourage use of resources of Lutheran Social Services, Luther Child Center, The ELCA, and other community resources.</i>	Passed
SA92.2	Memorial To The ELCA To Delay Action Against The Congregations Of St.Francis And First United In San Francisco	<i>(The minutes of this meeting do not present the text of the motion.)</i>	Defeated: 191 to 91
SA92.3	Gender Inclusive Language (a motion to re-title the resolution to be Non-Gender Exclusive Language failed)	<i>Encourage all entities within the synod to use gender inclusive language in all expressions, communications, documents and worship; and memorialize the ELCA and Augsburg Fortress Publishers to do the same.</i>	Passed: 235 to 132
SA92.4	Request For Ecumenical Activity In Each Parish And Cluster	<i>Encourage each congregation to express unity, mission, and service with a neighboring non-Lutheran congregation, agency or institution and report this activity to the Bishop's office via a vehicle to be provided by Synod Council.</i>	Passed
SA92.5	Health Care Advocacy	<i>Promote discussions leading to adequate physical and mental health care for all Washington State citizens; and Lutheran Public Policy Office participate with State governmental officials to work toward reforming delivery systems.</i>	Passed
SA92.6	Outdoor Ministries	<i>Affirm the ministry of Lutheran Camp Associates and Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association, including communicating financial need and better representation.</i>	Passed
SA92.7	Support For VISN	<i>Urge members to write their cable channels, asking that they add VISM to their cable systems.</i>	Passed
SA92.8	World Hunger	<i>Support the objectives of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.</i>	Passed
SA92.9	Condoms, Abstinence, And Our Youth	Action to divide the question: <i>Original resolution without 'A') Uphold sexual abstinence for youth in pre-marital relationships and monogamy in marital relationships.</i> <i>A) Synod oppose condom distribution to minors by schools and publicly funded institutions.</i>	Defeated Defeated
SA92.10	Caring For Creation	<i>Accept challenge to choose renewable over disposable resources; and become recycles and users of all goods, especially paper.</i>	Passed
SA92.11	Northwest Washington Synod Council For Women Of The ELCA	<i>(The minutes of this meeting do not present the text of the motion. The motion was presented with a "Do not pass recommendation from Reference & Council Committee).</i>	Defeated
SA92.12	Continued Support For Region One	<i>(No text of Resolution #19 appeared in the minutes for the 1992 Synod Assembly)</i>	Passed
SA92.13	Leadership Training	<i>Synod set objective to have 20% of its congregations undertake congregational council training.</i>	Passed
SA92.14	In Memoriam For Gudina Tumsa	<i>Express sorrow and regret at death of Mr. Tumsa to his family and to the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus.</i>	Passed

SA92.15	Region One Every Home Plan	<i>Approve <u>The Lutheran</u> every home plan for 1993, anticipating participation by all synod congregations.</i>	Passed
SA92.16	Thanks And Appreciation	<i>Gratitude expressed to retiring Synod Secretary Pastor Linda Larson for her untiring service.</i>	Passed
SA92.17	Congratulations	<i>Pray for LaCrosse Area Synod and Bishop April Ulring Larson.</i>	Passed
SA92.18	Use Of Funding Surplus	<i>Recinded to Synod Council that 50% of surplus receipts over expenditures from 1992 be distributed to Camp Lutherwood.</i>	Passed
SA92.19	Ingathering Of Funds	(No text of Resolution #19 appeared in the minutes for the 1992 Synod Assembly)	Defeated
SA92.20	Thanks	<i>Poetic expression of gratitude for those planning and leading the assembly.</i>	Passed

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SA91.1	Synod Compensation Guidelines	<i>Direct that Synod Council annually submit approved Compensation Guidelines for clergy and Associates in Ministry</i>	Passed
SA91.2	New Horizons For Mission	<i>Recognize the importance of PLTS' for pastoral training, and support its "New Horizons For Mission" campaign as a means of achieving the seminary's goals.</i>	Passed
SA91.3	Review Of Congregational Constitution	<i>Prior to April 1, 1992 Synod Constitution Review Committee submit an official statement regarding evaluating and appealing congregational constitutions.</i>	Passed
SA91.4	Synod Call Procedure	<i>Change current procedure to allow for congregational committees to explore, discuss, and interview candidates on the approved ELCA roster, though not necessarily submitted to them by the bishop.</i>	Refer to Synod Council
SA91.5	Forums for Interviewing Candidates For Bishop	<i>Question/answer forums be held before and during synod assemblies at which a bishop is to be elected.</i>	Refer to Synod Council
SA91.6	Support of ELCA World Hunger Appeal	<i>Remind congregations of the five objectives of the ELCA World Hunger Program and that they 1]inform members of the threat of starvation, 2] adopt a "hunger Appeal Sunday", 3] distribute offering envelopes, and 4]establish a congregational goal for contributions to hunger relief..</i>	Passed
SA91.7	Famine In the Horn of Africa	<i>Endorse HR1454 and SB985, and memorialize ELCA to do the same.</i>	Passed
SA91.8	Study of Major Mental Illnesses	<i>Encourage congregations to study the major mental illnesses,, and develop liaisons with mental health organizations in order to enhance understanding.</i>	Passed
SA91.9	Lutheran/Episcopal Dialogue	<i>Encourage ELCA Church Council and 1991 Churchwide Assembly to table all ELCA study and consideration of the Lutheran/Episcopal Dialogue proposal for full communion until ELCA Study of Ministry has been completed and recommendations adopted by a Churchwide Assembly.</i>	Tabled by Reference & Council Committee due to action by ELCA CI.

SA91.10	Synod Assembly “Programming”	<i>Alternate annual June synod assemblies between “business meetings”, and “focus events” --the first of which is to be no later than 1994; and adopt a biennial budget.</i>	Reference & Council Comm. referred this to Synod Council
SA91.11	1992 Synod Assembly Theme	<i>The 1992 Synod Assembly is to be focused on evangelism and outreach for the coming decade.</i>	Reference & Council Comm. referred this to Synod Council
SA91.12	Tithing	<i>All synod congregations encouraged to participate in Mission 90 “Tithers by the Millions inviting all members to give ten percent.</i>	Passed
SA91.13	A Call For Congregational Study of Human Sexuality	<i>Urge synod congregations to study issues surrounding a variety of human situations, utilizing various materials and resources provided for such study, and encourage members to share understandings and beliefs with each other.</i>	Passed
SA91.14	1992 Synod Assembly Theme	<i>the central emphasis for 1992 Assembly should reflect our remembrance, repentance, and renewal of relationships with Native American people and other multicultural communities within our synod.</i>	Reference & Council Comm. referred this to Synod Council
SA91.15	Columbus Quincentenary	<i>The Synod declare 1992 “A Year of Remembrance, Repentance, and Renewal” of relationships with Native American people and others multicultural communities within the synod’s territory.</i>	Passed
SA91.16	Commendation to President Bush	<i>That the Synod and ELCA Church Council write letters to commend President (George H. W.) Bush for his leadership in decisive action to stop aggression in the Persian Gulf region, for judicious military approach; and encourage a reduction of armament to Third World nations, as well a to work for a solution to the Palestine/Israel conflict.</i>	Replaced by SA91.24 as a substitute motion
SA91.17	ELCA Mission Investment Program	<i>Encourage Synod, synod congregations, and individual members to invest in in the ELCA Mission Investment Program.</i>	Passed
SA91.18	Peace Center at Pacific Lutheran University	<i>Inform synod congregations of the effort to establish a Peace Center at PLU</i>	Passed
SA91.19	Social Statement on Abortion	<i>Encourage continued discussion at synod and congregational levels of abortion and request ELCA Church Council to continue open hearings on further drafts.</i>	Defeated
SA91.20	Inclusiveness of People with Handicapping Conditions	<i>Appoint a Task Force on Inclusiveness of People with Handicapping Conditions to support, encourage, and enable congregations in that ministry.</i>	Passed
SA91.21	Domestic Violence	<i>Synod commit itself to make the church a safe place for all persons, free of abuses of domestic violence and create a synod project team to assist with leadership, resources and coordination for congregations regarding this issue.</i>	Passed
SA91.22	Lutherwood Outdoor Ministry	<i>Synod Council direct Board of Extended Ministries to appoint an outdoor ministry task force to work with existing outdoor ministry boards , and to review constituency needs.</i>	Passed
SA91.23	Snoqualmie Falls	<i>Support the effort of the Snoqualmie people to protect and preserve Snoqualmie Falls as a place for spiritual renewal.</i>	Passed

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SA90.1	Support Of Low Income Housing	<i>Encourages congregations to be active in supporting efforts at housing for the homeless and those in transition special need; including their own facilities</i>	Passed
SA90.2	Support For "The Lutheran"	<i>Encourage all congregations to provide every-home subscriptions</i>	Passed
SA90.3	Lutheran Lay Renewal International	<i>Encourage congregations to sponsor a lay renewal weekend in their church</i>	Passed
SA90.4	Future Of Position Of Synod Secretary	<i>Recognize Synod Secretary as half-time paid position</i>	Refer to Synod Council
SA90.5	Stipend For Unsalariated Synod Officers	<i>Recognize unsalaried synod officers as stipended positions and budget for the expense</i>	Refer to Synod Council
SA90.6	The Ecumenical Decade Of Churches In Solidarity With Women (1988-1998)	<i>Affirm and promote the goals of the EDCSW</i>	Passed
SA90.7	Forums For Lay Persons	<i>Request bishop and synod council to arrange forum for laypersons to discuss controversial issues on a regular basis</i>	Passed
SA90.8	Ministry To Persons With AIDS	<i>Encourage congregations to establish educationnal programs concerning AIDS and identify ways to minister to persons with aIDS; to establish a synod task force to assist congregations in this endeavor.</i>	Passed
SA90.9	Support Of Washington Association Of Churches	<i>Welcome new WAC Executive and pledge increased financial support</i>	Not considered, but referred directly to the Synod Council
SA90.10	Support Of The NWW Synod Commission On Ecumenical Relations	<i>Support organization of a Commission on Ecumenical Relations and commend the commission for its work with the Olympic Diocese of the Episcopal Church</i>	Not considered, but referred directly to the Synod Council
SA90.11	Support Of Farm Workers In Washington	<i>Affirm and promote boycott of certain companies until workers are allowed to organize, elect leaders, and negotiate collective bargaining</i>	Not considered, but referred directly to the Synod Council
SA90.12	Reductions On Military Spending Of Churches	<i>Endorse ELCA Commission for Church in Society resolution calling for reduction of arms spending and military involvement and redirecting those funds toward hunger, housing, health, environmental, educational and debt reduction needs at home and abroad.</i>	Not considered, but referred directly to the Synod Council
SA90.13	Thanks To PLU	<i>Express thanks to PLU and its staff for their hosting efforts and celebrate the centennial of the university.</i>	Passed
SA90.14	Thanks To Synod Assembly Task Force	<i>Thanks expressed to those who planned and conducted the synod assembly</i>	Passed

SA90.15	Thanks To Support Staff	<i>Thanks expressed to staff supporting the assembly's work, including elections.</i>	Passed
SA90.16	Thanks To Bishop Knutson	<i>Thanks and commitment of continued support to Bishop Lowell Knutson</i>	Passed

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SA89.1	Voice And Vote For Associates In Ministry	<i>Memorialize ELCA Church Council to amend Constitution and immediately act to provide voice and vote for Associates In Ministry and consider them a separate category of Synod Assembly members apart from lay ratio.</i>	Passed
SA89.2	Budget Cap	<i>Cap the synod budget for 1990 at \$1,320,000.</i>	Passed
SA89.3	Divestment of ELCA Pension Funds	<i>Memorialize Churchwide Assembly/Church Council to reaffirm ELCA opposition to apartheid in South Africa and assure no Pension Funds will be invested in companies doing business there at least by January 1, 1991.</i>	Passed
SA89.4	Synod Assembly Schedule	<i>Schedule two-day rather than three-day synod assemblies</i>	Refer to task force created by SA89.12
SA89.5	Resolution In Support Of The Children's Initiative	<i>Synod support for Washington State "Children's Initiative", with encouragement for congregations and individual members to do the same.</i>	Passed
SA89.6	Support of ELCA World Hunger Program	<i>Synod support of the five objectives of the ELCA's World Hunger Program and recommendations for carrying out those objectives.</i>	Passed
SA89.7	Domestic Violence	<i>Request synod professional and church leaders to study issues regarding domestic violence, focus energy on finding ways to address the problems, and request the synod's Board of Social Concerns to report recommendations to 1990 Synod Assembly regarding strategy for addressing this issue.</i>	Passed
SA89.8	National Council of Churches	<i>Recommend to ELCA that it not join the National Council of Churches and discontinue its present level of financial support.</i>	Passed
SA89.9	Type And Time Of Synod Assemblies	<i>Schedule two-day (Friday/Saturday) assemblies at congregational facility (when reasonable), with housing arranged through host cluster/congregation</i>	Refer to task force created by SA89.12
SA89.10	Drugs/Narcotics And The Church	<i>Conduct Region I and LITE-sponsored workshops on use of drugs .</i>	Refer to Comm. on Health/Wellness
SA89.11	Study Of Ministry	<i>Memorialize ELCA task force for the "Study of Ministry" to be mindful of Lutheran doctrine, inclusiveness, U>S. constitutional freedoms, confessional use of the term "Father" (referring to God), role of seminaries and clergy in emphasizing confessional and moral imperatives, recognition of varying political views, faithfulness in hearing/acting on the Word, and commission to proclaim work of Jesus to the world.</i>	Refer back to source
SA89.12	Format For Future Synod Assemblies	<i>That Synod Council form a task force to: 1-evaluate/address concerns re-</i>	Passed

garding length/format of future assemblies; 2-task force prepare proposal to Synod Council ; 3- Synod Council submit proposed plan for all future assemblies for consideration at 1990 assembly; 4- no contractual commitments be made for 1992 until action has been taken by 1990 Synod Assembly.

SA89.13	Opposition To Apartheid In South	<i>Synod reaffirms opposition to apartheid in South America, and support for international accord leading to independence of Namibia.</i>	Passed
SA89.14	Nature Of Ministry Study Materials	<i>Memorialize ELCA 1989 Churchwide Assembly and Church Council to prepare study materials relating to the nature of ministry, to be available during the 1990-91 biennium.</i>	Passed
SA89.15	Legislative Lobbying Funds	<i>That synod establish a policy requiring publishing of percentage of funds raised for legislative lobbying; and memorialize the 1989 Churchwide Assembly and Church Council to require publication of those percentages nationally.</i>	Defeated
SA89.16	Affirming Support Of Membership Of The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America In the National Council Of Churches And The World Council Of Churches	<i>Memorialize 1989 Churchwide Assembly and Church Council to affirm continuing membership in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.</i>	Passed
SA89.17	Thanksgiving	<i>Expression of gratitude for the vitality of the synod and the leadership of those who planned and conducted the synod assembly.</i>	Passed