

1 **RESOLUTION 4-04 TO AFFIRM RESOLUTION 2-07A [“TO EMPHASIZE BIBLICAL TEACHING OF**
2 **SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY”] PASSED AT THE 2013 LC-MS CONVENTION**

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod holds unswervingly to the Biblical teaching that marriage is the
5 lifelong union of one man and one woman; and
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7 **WHEREAS**, the issue of same sex partnerships and the rights of those in same-sex relationships under the U.S.
8 Constitution continues to be a driving issue of our age; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, we have a loving duty to preach Law and Gospel to all issues in our society and world, preaching the
11 Law to the unrepentant sinner regardless of the sin, and the Gospel to the repentant; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, the 65th Regular Convention of the LC-MS passed Resolution 2-07A in response to the need for
14 congregations to have resources and materials at their disposal for engaging ministry to those tempted by or
15 engaged in same sex behavior; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, many new resources are now available at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website [lcms.org] to
18 assist congregations in speaking the truth in love especially to the sexually tempted; therefore be it
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20 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the South Wisconsin District affirm and give thanks to God for the decision
21 reached in LC-MS Resolution 2-07A; and be it further
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23 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the District be encouraged to minister to these issues faithfully,
24 remembering to balance both Law and Gospel as each situation may warrant; and be it finally
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26 **RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the District be encouraged to study the materials available to them as a
27 result of this Resolution.
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29 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, chair
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32 **RESOLUTION 4-05 TO ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIPS IN REACHING THE PEOPLE OF OUR**
33 **COMMUNITIES WITH THE GOSPEL**

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35 **WHEREAS**, Christ has called His Church to make disciples, reaching all people regardless of ethnicity, language,
36 sex, or age with the Good News of His forgiveness and eternal life (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:44-48) and
37 welcome them into His Church; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, the communities in which the congregations of the South Wisconsin District (SWD) of the Lutheran
40 Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) are located are often in flux regarding the ethnicity, language, and
41 socio-economical status of its inhabitants; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, congregations often struggle to perceive such changes until well after they have taken place; therefore,
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46 **RESOLVED**, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS be encouraged to be in their community and be
47 intentionally aware of changes that are coming in their community; and be it further
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49 **RESOLVED**, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS take advantage of tools that are available through the
50 Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) to give detailed demographic information that may be helpful in
51 this regard; and be it further
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53 **RESOLVED**, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS work consider partnering with the mission executive of
54 the SWD of LCMS to be prepared to serve their changing communities; and be it further
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1 **RESOLVED**, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS would be encouraged to utilize the services of
2 organizations and resources within our LCMS such as, *The 72, Mission U (of Lutheran Hour Ministries)*,
3 and *Planting Gospel Seeds While Meeting Human Needs, Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN-WI)* to
4 aid them in reaching out to their changing communities; and be it finally
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6 **RESOLVED**, that congregations in the SWD of the LCMS would pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom, discernment
7 and zeal in reaching out to their changing communities and welcoming people into Christ's Church with
8 the Gospel of Jesus.
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13 **RESOLUTION 4-06 TO CONTINUE THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT**
14 **PARTNERSHIP IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC LUTHERAN MISSION**
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16 **WHEREAS**, the South Wisconsin District became a partner in 2008 with Bethesda Lutheran Communities and
17 the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod in the Dominican Republic; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, in convention in 2009 and 2012 the South Wisconsin District approved resolutions affirming this
20 partnership; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, over these years many individuals and congregations of the South Wisconsin District have become
23 involved in supporting the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the partnership in this mission has been a good example of our Synod's emphasis on "Life Together;"
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28 **WHEREAS**, God has blessed the mission throughout Dominican Republic with overwhelming blessings, including
29 growth of the missions resulting in the addition of new mission sites and many new missionaries; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, there is still great need for continued outreach at current sites and new mission plant sites throughout
32 Dominican Republic; therefore be it
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34 **RESOLVED**, that the South Wisconsin District continue its partnership in the Dominican Republic Lutheran
35 Mission; and be it further
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37 **RESOLVED**, that the congregations of the District be encouraged to support the mission both financially and
38 through possible mission team visits; and be it further
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40 **RESOLVED**, that the District staff and representatives continue to participate in the mission and provide
41 information to the congregations and organizations of the District; and be it further
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43 **RESOLVED**, that the South Wisconsin District continue to provide support for the Educational needs of the
44 Dominican Republic Mission, especially as needed in Palmar Arriba and in the new outreach school in
45 Licey; and be it finally
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47 **RESOLVED**, that thanks be given to God for all of the missionaries serving in the region, as well as all of the
48 blessings that God has provided for it.
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50 Rev. Daniel Torkelson, chair
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