



# Resolution 01-02A-18

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**SUBJECT: To Commend and Support the Work of Trinity/HOPE in Haiti**

*(Reference Overture 01-02-18 printed on page 148 of the Convention Workbook)*

- WHEREAS,** Christ in the Great Commission called us to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20a; and
- WHEREAS,** Christ’s words in Matthew 25:35-36 clearly show that we are to meet physical needs of others including feeding the hungry; and
- WHEREAS,** Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere with millions trapped in poverty so deep that children often do not even have food daily; and
- WHEREAS,** A large majority of the people are trapped in the darkness of the nation’s sanctioned religion, Voodoo; and
- WHEREAS,** There are huge and effective efforts by congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and other Christian denominations to build the body of Christ in Haiti and bring the Good News of Jesus to those who do not know Him; and
- WHEREAS,** One of the most successful ways of doing this is through Christian schools affiliated with local churches and to provide a hot, nutritious meal to the children who are often too hungry to learn; and
- WHEREAS,** Trinity/HOPE is effectively and economically providing over 24,000 meals daily at a cost of \$0.25 each for the teachers and children in 119 of these schools; and
- WHEREAS,** These meals improve health, increase attention spans and are seen as a witness to the truth of the Good News being shared with them daily; and
- WHEREAS,** Through the work of the Holy Spirit the vast majority of these children come to faith and are then missionaries to their friends and families; and
- WHEREAS,** The Christian churches of Haiti see the work of Trinity/HOPE as one of their most effective outreach tools; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District in Convention commends Trinity/HOPE and its supporters for their work and encourages the district’s members and others in support of this work, which blesses children by supplying an opportunity for them to be fed both physically and spiritually.

Rev. Kevin Conger, Chair  
Rev. Curt Hoover, Secretary