



Resolution 01-03-18

SUBJECT: To Continue a Relationship with the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania

(Reference Overture 01-03-18 printed on page 149 and Overture 01-04-18 printed on page 150 of the Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** The Mid-South District has had a long relationship with the East of Lake Victoria and Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese, working in consultation with and encouraged by the Office of the Synod President, Synod Board for Mission Services/Board for International Missions; and
- WHEREAS,** The Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD) in convention has made a conscious effort to partner with a confessional Lutheran church body and has strengthened the relationship with The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS); and
- WHEREAS,** Mid-South District leaders, in consultation with the President’s office of the LCMS and in conjunction with Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, have sought ways to provide solid confessional Lutheran education and training for pastors and leaders in the SELVD; and
- WHEREAS,** There continue to be great humanitarian needs in the country of Tanzania and in the regions of Shinyanga and Mwanza; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District continues working with the SELVD to encourage them to work diligently in their confessional Lutheran identity; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That, in this relationship, the Mid-South District focus its funding of \$12,500 on specific education and training held in Tanzania for pastors and lay evangelists of the SELVD in which LCMS instructors provide theological instruction in the areas of Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Hermeneutics; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That, in this relationship, the Mid-South District will work with leaders of the LCMS and its seminaries in providing \$12,500 for scholarships for SELVD pastoral candidates to study for higher degrees in our LCMS seminaries; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That, in this relationship, the Mid-South District will provide \$5,000 annually (beginning in Fiscal Year 2019) for training SELVD women in area deaconess programs; and be it finally
- RESOLVED,** That congregations and schools in the Mid-South District be encouraged to continue supporting humanitarian efforts to assist the people living in Tanzania through short term mission trips in coordination with the Office of International Mission, and the Mid-South District Missions.

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