



Resolution 01-04-18

SUBJECT: To Continue a Relationship with the Confessional Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar

(Reference Overture 01-05-18 printed on page 151 of the Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** The Mid-South District has a growing relationship with the Malagasy Lutheran Church, 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 Malagasy Lutheran Church in convention has made an overture to be formally received into altar and pulpit relationship with The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) at its next Synodical Convention; 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 provided solid confessional Lutheran education and training for pastors and leaders in the Malagasy Lutheran Church; and
- WHEREAS,** There continues to be great humanitarian needs in the country of Madagascar; and
- WHEREAS,** The Mid-South District has supported opportunities for students in Madagascar to attend the Malagasy Lutheran Church's "Lutheran Institute of Managerial Enterprise (University)"; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District continues working with the Malagasy Lutheran Church 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 \$25,000 (annually) on specific education and training held in Madagascar for pastors and lay evangelists of the Malagasy Lutheran Church whereby LCMS instructors provide theological instruction in the areas of Pastoral Ministry and Biblical Hermeneutics; 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 Madagascar through short term mission trips in coordination with the Office of International Mission, and the Mid-South District Missions.

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