



Resolution 02-03A-18

SUBJECT: To Encourage Scriptural Teaching Concerning Creation

(Reference Late Overture 02-16-18 printed in the addendum of the Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which is God’s Word, is the only rule and norm of faith and life (Ps. 119:105; John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21, FC-SD Binding Summary, 3); and
- WHEREAS,** Christ’s words presuppose the inspiration and veracity of the five books of Moses (Matt. 17:3; 19:4-5; Mark 12:26; Luke 16:31; 24:44; John 5:46; etc.); and
- WHEREAS,** The first two chapters of Genesis teach that the world was spoken into existence by God *ex nihilo* in six days (“and there was evening and there was morning,” Genesis 1) as cited in *The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod* “Of Creation;” and
- WHEREAS,** The Commission on Theology & Church Relations has spoken clearly about the creation account in Genesis in “Creation a Biblical Perspective” 1970 and “The Creator’s Tapestry” 2009; and
- WHEREAS,** Macroevolution presupposes death before and apart from sin which is in conflict with the Scripture, which teaches that death came as result of Adam’s fall into sin (Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21); and
- WHEREAS,** The LCMS adheres to and upholds these scriptural and confessional teachings concerning Creation (FC SD Binding Summary, 3); therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District memorialize the LCMS in convention to reaffirm the Scriptural doctrine of creation from nothing in six days in conformity with the reading of Genesis; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District memorialize the LCMS to include in their evangelism, outreach, and educational resources an emphasis on the importance of the narrative and doctrine of Creation (First Article gifts), as an appropriate apologetic against non-biblical worldviews.

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