



Resolution 03-01-18

SUBJECT: To Strongly Encourage Congregations to Submit Their Annual Parochial Reports.

(Reference Overtures 03-01-18, 3-02-18 printed on pages 162&163 of the Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** We are called to be good stewards of the resources of God's church; and
- WHEREAS,** We desire to walk together by providing accurate parochial reports to the LCMS office of rosters and statistics; and
- WHEREAS,** Accurate and up to date parochial reports enable our district and Synod to be good stewards by making well informed decisions and these reports are needed to establish voting circuits and our representation to Synodical Conventions; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the district on average 20% of our congregations do not submit an Annual Parochial report after much encouragement from the District President, (only 49% reported by the report due date); and
- WHEREAS,** Because the Synod is not in the position to legislate or coerce congregations (Synod Constitution Article VII Section 1) the District President cannot withhold or keep services or grants from congregations; and
- WHEREAS,** The Synod and District Bylaws do allow the District President to suspend and begin the process to remove congregations from Synod membership if they consistently fail to fulfill their promised obligations, (Synod Bylaw 2.14.1, 2.14.1(b)); therefore be it,
- RESOLVED,** That this convention appeal by the mercies of Christ for the sake of forwarding our work together in God's kingdom to our sister congregations and brother pastors to voluntarily submit the congregation's Annual Statistical report to the LCMS Office of Rosters and Statistics on time; and be it finally
- RESOLVED,** That the District President and Circuit Visitors under Synod Bylaw 4.4.8 will make every effort to assist and advise all congregations in the collection and submission of annual statistical reports to the LCMS Office of Rosters and Statistics.

Mr. Larry Zehnder, Chair
Rev. Stewart Marshall, Secretary