



Resolution 03-03-18

SUBJECT: To Encourage the Evaluation, Study, and Use of Biblically-based STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

(Reference Overture 03-05-18 printed on page 166 of the Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** Many congregations continue to struggle with a decline in attendance, the lack of willing workers, and insufficient financial resources to meet the mission and ministry needs of the congregation; and
- WHEREAS,** One of the reasons for these and other challenges congregations face is a lack of ongoing, intentional, and systematic Biblical stewardship education; and
- WHEREAS,** Biblical stewardship education for all members throughout the Mid-South District is fundamental for addressing the challenges referenced above; and
- WHEREAS,** The LCMS Office of Stewardship Ministry has published biblically-based resources; and
- WHEREAS,** Several other biblically-based programs of stewardship are available designed to help steward leaders present the aspect of Christian Stewardship; and
- WHEREAS,** Every Mid-South congregation should offer an encouragement to their members; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District promote the study and use of stewardship education resources in the 2018 - 2021 triennium to raise awareness of the Biblical stewardship lifestyle in all District congregations; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That each congregation of the Mid-South District be encouraged to complete at least one additional program on Stewardship during the next three years; and be it finally
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District be encouraged to use appropriate avenues to conduct stewardship education conferences or events that reach the “people in the pews” and include all church leaders (ordained, commissioned, and lay).

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