



Resolution 01-02-25

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

(Reference Overtures 01-02-25 and 01-03-25 printed on pages 170-172 of Convention Workbook)

- WHEREAS,** The Mid-South District has had a long relationship with the Southeast of Lake Victoria diocese, working in consultation with and encouraged by the office of the Synod President and the Board for International Mission; 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 office of the Synod President 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, deaconesses, and lay evangelists of the SELVD in which LCMS instructors provide theological instruction; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That in this relationship, the Mid-South District work with leaders of the LCMS and its seminaries in providing \$12,500 for scholarships for SELVD pastoral candidates to study for higher degrees at our LCMS seminaries; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That in the spirit of good Christian stewardship a report be published to the 2028 Mid-South District in convention detailing the allocation of these funds; and be it further



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; and be it finally

RESOLVED,

That we thank God for the opportunity to participate in this partnership that has seen the Word of God shared with tens of thousands of Tanzanians.

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