



Resolution 01-03-25

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

(Reference Overture(s) 01-04-25 printed on page 173 of 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 and the Board for International Mission; and
- WHEREAS,** The Malagasy Lutheran Church in convention has made an overture to partner with a confessional Lutheran church body and will have its request formally considered for altar and pulpit fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) at its next Synodical Convention; 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 provided solid confessional Lutheran education and training for pastors and leaders in the Malagasy Lutheran Church; and
- WHEREAS,** There continue 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 (LIME University)”; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District continue to encourage the Malagasy Lutheran Church to work diligently in their confessional Lutheran identity as they seek official relations with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That in this relationship, the Mid-South District focus funding of \$25,000 on support of ministries and missions of the Malagasy Lutheran Church, including LIME, and on specific education and training held in Madagascar for pastors and lay evangelists of the Malagasy Lutheran Church whereby LCMS instructors provide theological instruction; 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 finally



That congregations and schools in the Mid-South District be encouraged to continue supporting humanitarian efforts to assist the people living in Madagascar through fundraising and short term mission trips in coordination with the Office of International Mission and the Mid-South District.

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