

SUBJECT: To Evaluate, Study, and Use Biblically-based Stewardship Resources

(Reference Overture(s) 03-03-25 printed on page 191 of Convention Workbook)

- **WHEREAS,** Many congregations continue to struggle with a decline in attendance, lack of able or 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 principles of Christian Stewardship; therefore be it
- **RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District Office would promote the evaluation, study, and use of Biblically-based education resources in the 2025-2028 triennium to raise awareness of stewardship; and be it further
- **RESOLVED,** That each congregation of the Mid-South District be encouraged to conduct at least one program on stewardship during the next three years; and be it finally
- **RESOLVED,** That the Mid-South District congregations be encouraged to conduct stewardship events that reach the "people in the pews" and include all church leaders (ordained, commissioned, and lay).

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