

SUBJECT: To Propose *LCMS Men's Ministry*

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- WHEREAS, Christ warns us that in the last days "Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold (Matthew 24:12) and "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8); and Saint Paul admonishes us "Watch you, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13 NSB); and
- **WHEREAS**, Christian men face increasing hostility from a culture that speaks of "toxic masculinity" and mocks their faith in God; and
- WHEREAS, Just as athletes and soldiers have a better chance of success when working together, Scripture teaches: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17); and
- WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) would reap inestimable benefits from a Christ-centered, Bible-based Men's Ministry; therefore be it
- **RESOLVED**, That we encourage all congregations to become part of LCMS Men's Ministry to provide opportunities for all Christian men to:
 - Encourage their LCMS brothers in spiritual growth by regular Bible study, prayer, and gatherings on the Congregation, Circuit, District and Synod level;
 - Build strong families as faithful sons, brothers, husbands, fathers and grandfathers;
 - Confess the Faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3);
 - Provide for and Protect the Church and her Pastors
 - Visit orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:27)