







1 congregations should have an equal voice in selecting delegates, whether or not their  
2 particular congregation is served by commissioned ministers; therefore be it

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4 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention memorialize the  
5 Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod convention in 2010 to create the position of Circuit  
6 Commissioned Minister Voting Delegate; and be it further

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8 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the Lutheran Church –  
9 Missouri Synod in convention in 2010 to adopt the following process for selecting  
10 commissioned ministers to serve as voting delegates to district conventions.

- 11 1. Each circuit shall meet at the call of the counselor to elect its commissioned  
12 minister not later than six months prior to the opening day of the district  
13 convention.
- 14 2. In the announcement for the meeting the circuit counselor shall call for  
15 nominations of commissioned ministers to be elected as the circuit voting  
16 delegate from that circuit. Any member of Synod who is also a member of the  
17 circuit may make a nomination.
- 18 3. Elections shall be by written ballot.
- 19 4. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by one pastor and one layperson from  
20 each member congregation of the circuit, both of whom shall have been selected  
21 in the manner prescribed by the congregation.
- 22 5. Multiple parishes shall be entitled to a lay vote from each member congregation.
- 23 6. Each voter may write in the name of two commissioned minister nominees on the  
24 initial ballot. The three commissioned ministers (or more, in case of a tie vote for  
25 third place) who received the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot  
26 shall be placed on the next ballot.
- 27 7. On the next ballot each voter shall vote for only one candidate. Balloting shall  
28 continue with the candidate receiving the least votes being removed from each  
29 succeeding ballot until one commissioned minister shall have received a simple  
30 majority of all votes cast, whereupon he or she shall be declared the  
31 commissioned minister delegate.
- 32 8. The congregation from which the commissioned minister delegate has been  
33 elected shall then be removed from consideration for supplying an alternate  
34 commissioned minister delegate to that particular convention unless there are no  
35 other commissioned ministers available from other congregations.
- 36 9. All other commissioned ministers who received at least one vote on the initial  
37 ballot shall be eligible for election as the alternate.
- 38 10. Each voter shall now vote for only one candidate.
- 39 11. Balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the least votes being  
40 removed from each succeeding ballot until one commissioned minister shall have  
41 received a simple majority of all votes cast, whereupon he or she shall be declared  
42 the alternate commissioned minister delegate.
- 43 12. The counselor shall report the results of the election to the secretary of the district  
44 in writing immediately after said election.
- 45 13. If neither the delegate nor the alternate can serve, the vacancy may be filled by the  
46 district president in consultation with the respective circuit counselor.

- 1 14. Circuits that have no commissioned ministers who hold membership in circuit  
2 congregations will have no commissioned minister delegate for the district  
3 convention.  
4 15. All direct costs for the commissioned minister in participating in the district  
5 convention shall be born by the district.  
6 16. The voting delegates shall replace the previous advisory delegates of  
7 commissioned ministers; and be it finally.  
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9 *Resolved*, That the Commission on Constitutional Matters be directed to make such  
10 changes to the Bylaws of the Synod as are necessary in order to implement this  
11 resolution.  
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14 **To Establish a Process by Which Commissioned Ministers**  
15 **May Be Elected Delegates for Synodical Conventions**  
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17 **R-09-02-04**  
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19 Reference O-09-02-06 Education Commission  
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21 Preamble

22 This resolution presupposes the adoption of the resolution 09-02-03 *To Establish a*  
23 *Process by Which Commissioned Ministers May Be Elected Delegates for District*  
24 *Conventions*.  
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26 WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri  
27 Synod in convention has adopted resolution 09-02-03 *To Establish a Process By Which*  
28 *Commissioned Ministers May Be Elected Delegates for District Conventions*; therefore  
29 be it  
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31 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District memorialize the Lutheran Church –  
32 Missouri Synod in convention to adopt the following process for selecting commissioned  
33 ministers to serve as voting delegates to synodical conventions.  
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- 35 1. Each district shall elect (a) commissioned minister(s) at its district convention  
36 to serve as (a) voting delegate(s) to the Synodical convention.  
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38 2. Each commissioned minister who has served as a voting delegate to the  
39 district convention shall be considered as nominated to be elected as a voting  
40 delegate to the synod convention unless they remove themselves for  
41 consideration by notifying the district secretary.  
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43 3. Each commissioned minister who receives a majority of the votes cast shall be  
44 elected as delegate to the Synodical convention.  
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- 1 4. If further balloting is necessary, the ballot shall contain two names for every  
2 remaining position to be elected, determined by who received the highest  
3 number of votes on the first ballot. On all subsequent ballots the  
4 commissioned minister with the lowest number of votes shall be removed  
5 from the ballot.  
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7 5. All districts shall be entitled to at least one commissioned minister voting  
8 delegate.  
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10 6. Districts with more than ten non-exceptional circuits shall be entitled to one  
11 extra commissioned minister delegate and one more in every multiple of four  
12 above that. (i.e. districts with 11 circuits will have two delegates, if there are  
13 15 eligible circuits they receive 3 delegates, etc.)  
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15 7. Non-exceptional circuits are those which meet all the numerical numbers in  
16 bylaw 5.1.1 without exception.  
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18 8. Six months prior to the district convention the secretary of synod shall  
19 determine and notify each district how many commissioned ministers each  
20 district is entitled to elect; and be it finally  
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22 *Resolved*, That the Commission on Constitutional Matters be directed to make  
23 such changes to the bylaws of Synod as are necessary in order to implement this  
24 resolution.  
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27 **To Reaffirm Commitment to the Scriptural Definition of Marriage**

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29 **R-09-02-06**

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31 Reference O-09-02-04  
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33 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, in its 2004 synodical  
34 convention affirmed on the basis of Scripture a clear position against the practice of  
35 homosexual life style; and  
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37 WHEREAS, This lifestyle practice continues to accelerate within our society and  
38 to plague our culture, even within the church; and  
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40 WHEREAS, The synodical president, Gerald B. Kieschnick, has appealed to  
41 members of LCMS congregations to give a public witness of the same; therefore be it  
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43 *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention reaffirm its agreement  
44 with the Resolution (3-05A) adopted in 2004 by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
45 convention, which affirmed “on the basis of Scripture, marriage as a life long union of  
46 one man and one woman”; and be it finally

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*Resolved*, That as member congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess publicly that Holy Scripture denounces and condemns the practice of homosexual lifestyles and same sex unions. We do so without apology, with humility and respect, calling for repentance, and offering the forgiveness of Jesus Christ when and where repentance occurs.

1 **To Encourage Congregations of the Central Illinois District of The Lutheran Church –**  
2 **Missouri Synod To Support Lutheran Public Radio by becoming “Issues, Etc. 300”**  
3 **Congregations.**  
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5 **R-09-02-05**  
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7 Reference O-09-02-02  
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9 WHEREAS, The mission of Christ’s holy people is to make disciples through the  
10 proclamation of the Gospel by baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:19-20); and  
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12 WHEREAS, *Issues Etc.* continues to fulfill this mission by being a “Christ-centered and  
13 Cross-focused” program that is true to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions; and  
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15 WHEREAS, The program *Issues, Etc.* has been hailed for its evangelical substance and  
16 sharing of the Gospel; and  
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18 WHEREAS, The Holy Spirit is bringing many people to Christ through the faithful  
19 teaching heard on *Issues, Etc.* as the many comments from those who signed the *Issues, Etc.*  
20 online petition ([www.petitiononline.com/Issues/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/Issues/petition.html)) testify; and  
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22 WHEREAS, The total annual 2008 budget of *Issues, Etc.* is approximately \$300,000; and  
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24 WHEREAS, *Issues, Etc.* is seeking 300 congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri  
25 Synod to pledge \$1,000 to help support the worldwide outreach of *Issues, Etc.* as a part of their  
26 congregation’s mission budget; therefore be it  
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28 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to become  
29 *Issues, Etc.* “300” congregations (IE 300); and be it finally  
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31 *Resolved*, That those congregations which cannot support *Issues, Etc.* with the full \$1,000  
32 annual gift be encouraged to support *Issues, Etc.* as they are able.

1 **To Encourage Congregations of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church**  
2 **– Missouri Synod to Establish a Chapter of**  
3 ***Brothers of John the Steadfast* in Their Congregations**  
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5 **R-09-02-07**  
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7 WHEREAS, The church is facing huge challenges in our day in trying to keep  
8 Christ's word pure; and  
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10 WHEREAS, Laymen should be encouraged to support their local pastor in the  
11 cause of defending confessional Lutheranism; and  
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13 WHEREAS, The role of the husband and father is to be the spiritual head of his  
14 household and a strong voice of leadership in his local congregation; and  
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16 WHEREAS, Laymen should be encouraged to be faithful not only in study of the  
17 Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15), but also  
18 should be encouraged to study our Lutheran confessional writings (i.e. the 1580 Book of  
19 Concord), so that they can know and defend the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran  
20 Church which are drawn from the Holy Scriptures; and  
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22 WHEREAS, *Brothers of John the Steadfast* is a new organization for men that  
23 endeavors to equip laymen to defend the faith, through local chapters, confessional  
24 reading groups, an informative web site ([www.steadfastlutherans.org](http://www.steadfastlutherans.org)), etc.; therefore be  
25 it  
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27 *Resolved*, That the congregations of the Central Illinois District be encouraged to  
28 establish a local chapter of *Brothers of John the Steadfast* in their congregations and  
29 consider initiating a regular opportunity for the men of the congregation to study and read  
30 together the Lutheran Confessions.