



1                   **To Commend the Commission on Worship for *Lutheran Service Book***

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3   **R-09-03-02**

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5                   WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod’s Commission on Worship  
6 has carefully gathered, tested, and developed a new hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*; and  
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8                   WHEREAS, The Commission on Worship has also developed and made available  
9 companion resources to the hymnal, including the *Agenda*, the *Altar Book*, the *Hymnal*  
10 *Accompaniment*, the *Liturgy Accompaniment*, the various *Lectionaries*, the *Pastor’s*  
11 *Companion*, and other resources for use in the church; and  
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13                   WHEREAS, The Commission on Worship and Concordia Publishing House have  
14 developed a new electronic resource, *Lutheran Service Builder*, which expands the use of  
15 the hymnal; therefore be it  
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17                   *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention give thanks and praise to  
18 God for the work of the Commission on Worship, Concordia Publishing House, and all  
19 others who were involved in preparing *Lutheran Service Book* and the accompanying  
20 resources; and be it further  
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22                   *Resolved*, That congregations, schools, and families be encouraged to purchase  
23 and use *Lutheran Service Book*; and be it further  
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25                   *Resolved*, That congregations be encouraged to make use of *Lutheran Service*  
26 *Builder* as a worship planning tool, and that they be encouraged to use future  
27 commentaries on *Lutheran Service Book* as they become available; and be it finally  
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29                   *Resolved*, That the District in convention stand and give all thanks and praise to  
30 God by singing “Voices Raised to You We Offer” (*LSB* #795).  
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33   **To Encourage Joyful First Fruit Giving**

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35   **R-09-03-03**

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37                   WHEREAS, First Fruit giving is the most frequently mentioned means of giving  
38 to support the work of the Lord in Scripture; and  
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40                   WHEREAS, True First Fruit giving tends to allow the Lord to determine the final  
41 amount given to the Lord; and  
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43                   WHEREAS, First Fruit giving involves the best of our time, talents, and witness;  
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1           WHEREAS, First Fruit giving lends itself readily to motivation by the Gospel  
2 instead of the Law; and

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4           WHEREAS, There has been a trend of some congregations to designate where  
5 their mission dollars should be spent outside of district and synod, and such designated  
6 giving has adversely impacted district and synodical ministry and mission efforts;  
7 therefore be it

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9           *Resolved*, That First Fruit giving in our churches be done freely, joyfully, and  
10 generously in response to the love of Christ Jesus; and be it further

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12           *Resolved*, That our District provide stewardship materials to promote First Fruit  
13 giving to our congregations, schools, and pastors; and be it further

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15           *Resolved*, That the District in convention encourage congregations to pledge  
16 congregational support to the Synod and District on a percentage basis; and be it finally

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18           *Resolved*, That each congregation be encouraged to consider a minimal goal of  
19 10% of first fruit gifts for the Lord’s work through the district and synod.

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22                           **To Establish a Regular Schedule of Family Convocations**

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24   **R-09-03-04**

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26 Reference Overture 09-03-02

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28           WHEREAS, Before His ascension, Christ commissioned the church to disciple  
29 the nations by baptizing them and “teaching them to keep all that [Christ] has  
30 commanded;” and

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32           WHEREAS, The Central Illinois District desires to have both a regularly  
33 scheduled Great Commission Convocation and a regularly scheduled Theological  
34 Convocation; and

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36           WHEREAS, The ideas for family resources and celebrating God’s families in  
37 convocations has been beneficial; therefore be it

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39           *Resolved*, That the Central Illinois District in convention agree to hold a Family  
40 Life convocation in the next three years; and be it finally

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42           *Resolved*, That the Congregational Life Commission and Stewardship  
43 Commission use pastors, teachers, DCEs, and laity interested or gifted in family life  
44 ministries to provide support, education, and resources for families and congregations for  
45 such convocations and congregational ministries.

1 **To Encourage Congregations to Establish a Called Worker Care Committee**

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3 **R-09-03-05**

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5 Reference Overture 09-03-03

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7 WHEREAS, God's Word commands and commends care for the care-giver  
8 (called workers) I Corinthians 9:13-14: "Don't you know that those who work in the  
9 temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is  
10 offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the  
11 gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (Also Luke 10:7c; Galatians 6:6; I  
12 Timothy 5:17-18; Hebrews 13:7, 17); and

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14 WHEREAS, The increasing excessive stress of ministry often disturbs called  
15 workers with illness, depression, or burnout, which causes some to leave the ministry;  
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18 WHEREAS, A single board such as the Elders/Deacons or Board of Lay Ministry  
19 may miss the human focus of caring for the called worker on a continuing basis; and

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21 WHEREAS, The Christian congregation has the responsibility to care for its  
22 called workers in a meaningful way; therefore be it

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24 *Resolved*, That every congregation in the Central Illinois District be encouraged to  
25 establish a [congregational] Called Worker Care Committee; and be it finally

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27 *Resolved*, That The Ministerial Health Commission and Congregational Life  
28 Commission produce guidelines, resources, and link existing resources for use in every  
29 congregation.

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32 **To Encourage Development of Biblically Based**  
33 **Educational Stewardship in District and Synod**

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35 **R-09-03-06**

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37 WHEREAS, Martin Luther has written that offerings come as a result of hearing  
38 God's Word (*Luther Works*, vol. 1 Genesis Lectures, Cain and Abel); and

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40 WHEREAS, Through the death and resurrection of Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ  
41 we as God's people are freed to serve by time, talents, witness, and money (Rom. 5, 6;  
42 Ephes. 2:1-10); and

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44 WHEREAS, There are many stewardship programs in the Christian community  
45 which stress "social gospel" giving, "need" giving, "guilt" giving, or "crisis" giving; and  
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1           WHEREAS, As early as 1979 Derald and Caroline Sasse of Immanuel, Augsburg,  
2 were offering their services to the camp and became the contractors for the winterized  
3 buildings at Camp CILCA, utilizing volunteer labor, when possible; and  
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5           WHEREAS, The Sasses worked in semi-retirement at Camp CILCA for a number  
6 of years; and  
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8           WHEREAS, Derald Sasse has now gone to be with Jesus in heaven; therefore be  
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11           *Resolved*, That we thank God for the services rendered by the Sasses to assist  
12 Camp CILCA; and be it finally  
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14           *Resolved*, That in memory of the Sasses we ask the Camp CILCA board to name a  
15 building or a street at Camp CILCA in their honor.