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## 2019 Churchwide Assembly Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee

Friday, August 9, 2019, p.m.

### **Motion G**

**Submitted by: The Rev. Ryan Anderson [Central/Southern Illinois Synod, 5C]**

#### **Recommendation by the Reference and Counsel Committee**

That constitutional provision 7.41.03 be removed from *en bloc* for separate consideration by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

### **Motion H**

**Submitted by: The Rev. Gwendolyn S. King [Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, 7F]**

#### **Recommendation by the Reference and Counsel Committee**

That constitutional provision 5.01 be removed from *en bloc* for separate consideration by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

## **Motion I**

### **Resolution on Word & Service – Ordination**

**Submitted by: The Rev. Paul Erickson [Greater Milwaukee Area Synod, 5J]**

To amend article 7.52, replacing the word “ordained” with the word “consecrated.”

### **Recommendation of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

We recommend the assembly decline to take action.

## Motion J

### Resolution on Proposed Amendments

Submitted by: Matthew Brockmeier (Greater Milwaukee Synod, 5J)

## Constitutions, Bylaws, And Continuing Resolutions of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- 7.31.02** a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:
- 8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.
- 7.61.02** c. speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations;

## Constitution for Synods

- †S14.12. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
- a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:
- 8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.
- †S14.32. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:
- c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations;

## Model Constitution for Congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

- \*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
- a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:
- 8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations.
- \*C9.23. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, every minister of Word and Service shall:
- c. Speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, ~~calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world, witnessing to the realm of God in the community, the nation, and abroad~~ advocating dignity, justice, and equality for all people, working for peace and

reconciliation among the nations, caring for the marginalized, and embracing and welcoming racially and ethnically diverse populations;

**Recommendation of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

We recommend referral to the Office of the Secretary.

**Motion K**

**Submitted by: Deacon Julie M. Stecker [Delaware-Maryland Synod, 8F]**

**Recommendation by the Reference and Counsel Committee**

That constitutional provision 7.71.02 be removed from *en bloc* for separate consideration by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.