



Supplemental Report of the Memorials Committee Report 1

Aug. 9, 2022

The Memorials Committee received 11 motions from members of the assembly prior to the 11:45 a.m. deadline on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and began consideration of them at its meeting that afternoon. The committee's recommendations are incorporated into the supplemental report below.

The following memorials were pulled from *en bloc* for separate consideration:

- Category A4: Greenhouse Gas Reduction, p. 13
- Category A5: Fortifying Urban Ministries, p. 28
- Category A6: Advance Salary Equity, p. 29
- Category A7: Black Migrant Strategy, p. 31
- Category A14: Roe v. Wade, p. 42
- Category B5: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility (DEIA) ELCA Governance Audit, p.53
- Category B8: Separation Agreements, p.56
- Category B9: Mission Development Process, p. 59
- Category B11: Specialized Ministries and On Leave from Call Status, p. 62.

At its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 12:00 p.m. (EDT), the committee discussed the following item. The committee will publish another supplemental report following its evening meeting.

1. Category B4: Restructure the Governance of the ELCA
Beginning on p. 53, to amend by substitution:

To receive with gratitude the memorials from the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Northeastern Ohio Synod, Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Allegheny Synod, Lower Susquehanna Synod, Delaware-Maryland Synod, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod, and West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod concerning the restructure of the ELCA's governance; and

To refer the memorials to the Church Council for further deliberation and definition, specifically to determine the goals and boundaries of any proposed changes to the constitution, especially those related to Chapters 4 and 5; the need for a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church; and the need and scope of any proposed reconstituting convention, with recommendations to be presented to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

With:

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To direct the Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church comprised of leaders of diverse representation from all three expressions that, working in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council, shall reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism, and will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a reconstituting convention to be called under the rules for a special meeting of the Churchwide Assembly.