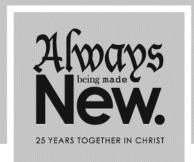


# Report of the Reference and Counsel Committee



Friday, August 16, 2013, at 3:28 PM

#### 1 Motion C

- 2 Young Adult Funding
- 3 Submitted by: Smith F. Heavner, South Carolina Synod
- 4 Recognizing that
- 5 The theme of the 2013 ELCA CWA is "Always being made new,"
- 6 The ELCA has repeatedly insisted on the importance of young adult and youth leaders,
- 7 Lay young adult and youth have a strong desire to make their voices heard in the national church,
- 8 The eight priority goals of the 25th Anniversary Campaign build on existing programs and missions of
- 9 the ELCA,
- 10 New action is needed to revive the church,
- 11 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
- the recommendation for assembly action on the 25th Anniversary campaign be amended by adding the
- following text after paragraph 4, which ends "completion of the campaign,"
- 14 To instruct the Church Council to add an additional campaign priority of encouraging, recognizing, and
- 15 forming lay youth and young adult leaders,
- to add an additional \$4 million to the campaign goal specifically for the formation, recognition, and
- encouragement of lay young adult and youth leaders,
- And be it further RESOLVED: to call on the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit to form an
- advisory team, funded out of the campaign, to seek out and support the networks and efforts of lay
- 20 young adult and youth leaders,
- 21 To include among those on that team lay young adult leaders recommended by ELCA campus, youth,
- and outdoor ministers, as well as leaders from ELCA affiliated and/or associated organizations at the
- 23 discretion of the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit,
- 24 To charge that same team with searching for new ideas and fresh voices emerging in the church, and

- 25 To charge that same team with assisting in the acquisition of and advising on the allocation of funds
- received as part of the additional \$4 million dollars of the campaign goal seeking to re-imagine the
- 27 ministries of the ELCA through the eyes of lay young adults and youth leaders in the body of Christ.

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#### Rationale of the Reference and Counsel Committee

- 30 The Reference and Counsel Committee receives the motion with appreciation and acknowledge that the
- 31 ELCA supports the crucial importance of young adult and youth leaders and the need to hear their
- 32 voices.
- 33 The Reference and Counsel committee has consulted with the Mission Advancement Unit and the
- Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit who endorse this motion as an opportunity to hear those
- voices as part of the historic ELCA 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign.

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

We recommend approval.

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## **MOTION G**

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign

42 Submitted by: Larry V. Smoose,

To amend the recommended action for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign by adding, after the first paragraph, the following: "to allocate all undesignated campaign funds so that 40% of those received are for global concerns; 30% for new and renewing congregations; and 30% for leadership development including but not limited to lay and rostered leadership development after graduation form seminary.

#### Rationale of the Reference and Counsel Committee

- The Reference and Counsel Committee receives with gratitude the maker's concerns for this church.
- 49 The Anniversary Campaign has been designed by Churchwide Staff and volunteers who have expertise
- and historical data with regard to the church's capacity to raise funds for various ministries and the
- 51 methodologies to tap into likely donor sources. The three areas identified in the proposed amendment
- 52 cut across a number of campaign categories. The committee believes that the proposed amendment
- would limit the campaign's ability to apply unrestricted funds to meet short-term shortfalls in campaign
- 54 categories where there are critical ministry needs.

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

We recommend that this motion be declined.

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