



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**

12 the recommendation for assembly action on the 25th Anniversary campaign be amended by adding the
13 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,

16 to add an additional \$4 million to the campaign goal specifically for the formation, recognition, and
17 encouragement of lay young adult and youth leaders,

18 And be it further **RESOLVED**: to call on the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit to form an
19 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,
22 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
26 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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29 **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
34 Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit who endorse this motion as an opportunity to hear those
35 voices as part of the historic ELCA 25th anniversary campaign.

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

38 We recommend approval.

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40 **MOTION G**

41 **25th Anniversary Campaign**

42 *Submitted by: Larry V. Smoose,*

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

47 **Rationale of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

48 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
50 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
53 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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56 **Recommendations of the Reference and Counsel Committee**

57 We recommend that this motion be declined.

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