

MEMORIAL to the COP: Floor Committee #1 – PNW District Convention 2022

- WHEREAS** 1) the Synod is beginning its initiative to plant 100 churches in 10 years; and
- WHEREAS** 2) the report from the Council of Presidents states there is work being done by representatives from the COP, Home Missions, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to identify what characteristics are essential to preserving the Lutheran Character of worship in WELS congregations; and
- WHEREAS** 3) this committee will identify principles and how those principles can best be applied in WELS congregations; and
- WHEREAS** 4) the council of Jerusalem in Acts 15 declared concerning mission work “that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God” (verse 19); and
- WHEREAS** 5) it is distinctly Lutheran to stand on our freedom and let no one judge our freedom in Christ; and
- WHEREAS** 6) our world missions are encouraged to apply appropriate flexibility that faithfully serves their local context; therefore be it
- Resolved** a) that this committee make it public to the synod at large what these characteristics and principles are and the biblical basis for them; and be it
- Resolved** b) that the way these characteristics and principles are being applied to new mission starts be made known to the synod at large; and be it finally
- Resolved** c) that these characteristics and principles avoid legalistic requirements that would keep our home mission congregations from determining how best within their local context to reach the lost in their surrounding communities.