1	To Rescind Resolutions
2 3	Establishing and Encouraging Lay Ministers
4	Whereas, the 1989 Synodical Convention assembled in Wichita passed Resolution 3-05B, which
5	approved the establishment of licensed lay deacons (commonly called "lay ministers") to provide
6	pastoral services; and
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8	Whereas according to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions the preaching of the
9	Word and the administration of the Sacraments require a pastor with a regular call(Jeremiah
10	23:21, Romans 10:15, Hebrews 5:4, and Article XIV of the Augsburg Confession, "It is taught
11	among us that nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the church
12	without a regular call);" and
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14	Whereas, a regular call includes full and appropriate training and examination(1 Timothy 3:1-7
15	and Titus 1:5-9) so that the hearers are confident that the gifts of God are being rightly
16	administered; and
10	administered, and
18	Whereas, the 1995 Synodical Convention(3-07A) attempted to curb our unfaithful practice in
19	this area by directing that any layman who was licensed to perform pastoral functions under the
20	previous guidelines be required to apply for admission into the pastoral ministry of the Synod;
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23	Whereas, in 2001, Synodical President, Dr. A.L. Barry made plans to completely reverse the
24	1989 convention decision by passing Resolution 3-08, which had been endorsed by both
25	Seminaries. This resolution 3-08, which was not considered by the 2001 Convention due to a
26	substitute resolution, in part read, "Resolved that this convention rescinds the 1989 convention
27	Res. 3-05B (establishment of licensed lay deacons to provide pastoral services) and the 1995 St.
28	Louis convention Res. 3-07A (requiring such licensed laymen to complete a seminary program
29	for ordination)." As well as, "no new or renewal licenses to serve as a lay deacon shall be
30	offered;" and
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32	Whereas, substitute 2001 Resolution 3-08B was introduced by the floor committee and passed to
33	continue the practice of lay ministers. 2001 Resolution 3-08B, stated, "That the Synod authorize
34	its districts to continue training lay deacons as directed by the spirit of the 1989 Wichita
35	Res. 3-05B in which trained lay ministers serve under the supervision of an ordained pastor."
36	And later it also said, "That this convention rescind 1995 St. Louis convention Res. 3-
37	07A(requiring such licensed laymen to complete a seminary program for ordination);" and
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39	Whereas, the latest Synodical Convention(2004), passed Resolution 5-09, entitled, "To Affirm
40	District Programs that Equip Laity for Ministry." This resolution directed "the Synod in
41	convention recognize, affirm, and encourage the work of the Districts in developing ministry-
42	equipping programs for laity such as the Lay Leader Institute, Missionary Training Center,
43	Training Leaders for Ministry, and The Alaska Project." Earlier it noted that "Nineteen Districts
44	of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have developed ministry education and training
45	programs;" therefore be it
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- 47 Resolved, that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, gathered in convention, rescind **the 1989**
- 48 convention Res. 3-05B(establishment of licensed lay deacons to provide pastoral services), and
- 49 the 2004 convention Res. 5-09(to affirm district programs that equip laity for ministry;" and be
- 50 it finally
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- 52 Resolved, that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod direct Synod's congregations to a number of
- 53 programs for training men for the office of Pastor, including not only the M.Div seminary
- 54 program, but also alternate routes and especially DELTO(Distance Education Leading to
- 55 Ordination), which was designed to provide "ordained pastoral service to congregations that
- 56 cannot support a full-time pastor, ordained pastoral service to contexts where English is not
- 57 spoken, ordained missionary personnel where finances and/or conditions do not permit calling
- 58 full-time missionary, and enhanced congregational life as the congregation participates in the
- 59 growth of its DELTO student" (BHE "What is DELTO?," Sept. 2000).
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