

BENEVOLENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, many congregations are supporting the mission of the North American Lutheran Church through generous giving toward NALC benevolence; and,

Whereas, the NALC, as a “mission-driven” Church continues to face challenges and opportunities in forming new congregations, expanding its ministry and outreach, and reconfiguring its staff for greater service; and,

Whereas, the NALC is committed to discipleship and disciple-making, and stewardship is an integral part of the disciple’s life and faith-response, and,

Whereas, a significant number of congregations have not appreciably increased their giving for NALC benevolence since the NALC was formed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank God for each of our congregations and their support of mission and ministry locally, across North America, and globally; and be it resolved,

That we encourage all congregations to prayerfully consider increasing their benevolence giving for the NALC by at least one percent (1%) of their congregational budget annually beginning in 2018; and be it resolved,

That we affirm as a goal that all congregations of the NALC provide at least some percent of their congregational budget for NALC benevolence; and be it further resolved,

That we direct the Stewardship Task Force to continue to provide resources, information, and other forms of support that will assist congregations to attain the above goals.