



NALC

North American Lutheran Church

RESOLUTIONS 2011 CONVOCATION

As acted upon August 11-12, 2011

1. That the rules of procedure, distributed at this Convocation, be adopted as the rules of procedure for the 2011 Convocation. *(Adopted)*
2. That the agenda, proposed for this Convocation, be adopted as the agenda for the 2011 Convocation. *(Adopted)*
3. That the amendments to the constitution, prepared by the Constitution Task Force, be approved and that these amendments be presented to the congregations of the church for adoption. *(Adopted as amended)*
4. That the Statement on Ecumenism, prepared the Committee on Ecumenical Relationships and reviewed by the Commission on Theology and Doctrine, be adopted. *(Adopted as amended)*
5. That the budgets (general operating expenses, fund for theological education, and fund for the Great Commission), presented at this Convocation, be adopted as the fiscal plan for the North American Lutheran Church for the year 2012. *(Adopted)*
6. That the Executive Council be authorized to develop and implement a design for the formation and initial ministry of *mission districts* for the North American Lutheran Church. *(Adopted as amended)*
7. That the benevolence design, proposed by the executive council, be adopted and recommended to the congregations for implementation. *(Adopted as amended)*
8. That the North American Lutheran Church approve a relationship of full communion with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus; and that congregations of the North American Lutheran Church be urged to ratify this church-to-church relationship in accordance with 13.04 of the provisional constitution. *(Adopted)*
9. That the North American Lutheran Church approve a relationship of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Uganda; and that congregations of the North American Lutheran Church be urged to ratify this church-to church relationship in accordance with 13.04 of the provisional constitution. *(Rescinded)*

Resolution on Benevolence (*Adopted as amended in paragraph 3*)
Executive council recommendation to NALC convocation

WHEREAS Section 6.05 of the NALC Constitution states: “Prior to each annual convocation, the NALC shall calculate for each congregation an apportionment of the proposed NALC annual budget based on congregational size and resources. It shall be the prayerful goal of the NALC and its congregations that each congregation shall provide benevolence giving to the NALC at least equal to its apportioned share of the approved budget,” and

WHEREAS the NALC in convocation desires to establish additional common goals and objectives for benevolence, as well as processes related to congregational benevolence,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. It shall be the prayerful goal of the North American Lutheran Church that each congregation of the NALC shall remit at least twelve percent of its income for benevolence ministries of the church, which will include benevolence for the NALC, local benevolence, and giving for designated causes.
2. It shall be the prayerful goal of the North American Lutheran Church that each congregation of the NALC shall enter into a covenantal partnership with one domestic and one global ministry. Such partnership will include, among others, mutual prayer, exchange of resources, and financial assistance.
3. Each congregation of the North American Lutheran Church shall be encouraged to complete a benevolence commitment form in the fall of *each year* that will indicate its benevolence intentions for the *coming year*.
4. According to need, the staff and deans of the North American Lutheran Church will be available to congregations for consultations regarding their benevolence goals. Such consultations may include a suggested plan and timeline by which the congregations may achieve their benevolence goals.
5. In the case of congregations which are members of the North American Lutheran Church and another church body, the benevolence standards and expectations of the NALC and of the other church body will be respected and honored. Such congregations will determine their benevolence goals through their own congregational decision-making processes. It shall be the prayerful goal of the NALC that such congregations shall strive to maintain the overall goal of twelve percent as indicated in no. 1 above.
6. The general secretary of the NALC will administer the above plan for congregational benevolence.