

Floor Committee #1: President's Report

Subject: Creation of Pastoral Shortage Task Force

Reference: President's Report for WELS Synod Convention 2023

Resolution No. 03

WHEREAS 1) the synod president indicates, "One of the greatest and most obvious challenges is our shortage of called workers" (President's Report, p. 4, right column); and

WHEREAS 2) a teacher shortage task force was appointed by the synod president in May 2022 to study "the teacher shortage issue from all angles to provide concrete recommendations to the Conference of Presidents" (2023 *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 27); therefore be it

Resolved, that the synod president appoint a pastoral ministry shortage task force to study the challenges related to the present pastoral shortage and spiritual support for pastors from all angles to provide concrete recommendations to the synod president to address this matter.

Pastor Jason Hacker, chairman

Pastor James Douglas, secretary

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