

Floor Committee #10: Ministerial Education

**Subject: Special opportunities for non-traditional students**

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 112,132

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS 1) after the Assignment Committee at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary did its work in 2023, there were still 140 vacancies for pastor-trained parish men synodwide (136 in 2022, 95 in 2021, 87 in 2020); and after the Assignment Committee at Martin Luther College did its work in 2023, there were still 158 total vacancies for teacher-trained men and women synodwide (at least 140 at this time in 2022, 90 in 2021, 50 in 2020); and

WHEREAS 2) both Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Martin Luther College have increased their support for non-traditional students; and

WHEREAS 3) Martin Luther College is constructing a new competency-based education program for the certification of non-traditional students; therefore be it

Resolved, that the delegates of the 2023 synod convention encourage WELS members with degrees in other fields to consider training for the ministry of the gospel.

Pastor Scott Mosher, chairman  
Teacher Philip Leyrer, secretary

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