

Floor Committee #12: Congregational Services B (Special Ministries, Worship)

Subject: WELS' heritage of worship

Reference: Unprinted Memorial (2023-05) on the convention website

Resolution No. 01

WHEREAS 1) 2023 is the quincentennial of Dr. Martin Luther's publication of *Ordenung Gottis Diensts Ynn Der Gemeyne* ("Order of Divine Service in the Congregation," *Luther's Works* 53:9–14) and the beginning of the evangelical reform of worship; and

WHEREAS 2) the *Ordenung Gottis Diensts* is substantively reflected in the *Gottesdienst-Ordnung* of the first Wisconsin Synod *Agende* of 1896; and

WHEREAS 3) 2024 will be the quincentennial of Dr. Martin Luther's publication of the first evangelical hymnal, *Etlich Cristlich lider*; and

WHEREAS 4) the chorales in *Etlich Christlich lider* are contained in the first Wisconsin Synod hymnal, *Evang.-Lutherisches Gesangbuch* of 1870; and

WHEREAS 5) neither the Wisconsin Synod's *Agende* of 1896 nor its *Evang.-Lutherisches Gesangbuch* of 1872 (a correction of the 1870 edition) have been fully translated and published in English; therefore be it

Resolved, that the synod in convention commission the translation and publication in English of the *Agende* of 1896 and *Gesangbuch* of 1872 for posterity, academic interest, and in thanksgiving to God for our 500-year heritage of evangelical worship.

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