

# Unprinted memorial

## Memorial (2023-04)

**Subject:** *Artificial intelligence and the church*

Floor Committee #2

- WHEREAS 1) the development of and advances in Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) technology are exponentially increasing on a daily basis; and
- WHEREAS 2) the current AI models are based on language, the means by which God created the universe (Genesis 1:1) and became flesh (John 1:1); and
- WHEREAS 3) researchers in the field of AI studies have raised concerns regarding the societal, moral, and ethical implications of the development of AI and its effect on human civilization; and
- WHEREAS 4) the Lord of the church has called God’s people to be proactive in discerning what is good and evil (Hebrews 5:14); therefore be it
- Resolved. a) that the synod in convention direct the Conference of Presidents to study by whatever means it deems most appropriate the development, implementation, and implications (societal, theological, and ethical) of AI as it pertains to the ministry of the church; and be it
- Resolved. b) that the synod in convention issue a moratorium on the use of language model AI to develop sermons, catechetical material, or other church-related content until the results of the Conference of Presidents’ study be released; and be it finally
- Resolved. c) that the Conference of Presidents make a preliminary report available to the district conventions in *Report to the Twelve Districts* in time for conventions in 2024.

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