

# Unprinted memorial

## Memorial (2023-06)

**Subject:** *Staffing new missions*

Floor Committee #8

- WHEREAS 1) the Lord of the Church has commanded his people to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19,20); and
- WHEREAS 2) the Lord of the Church not only wants pastors to feed and shepherd with sound doctrine the flocks to which they have been called, but also to share that saving doctrine with others through the work of evangelism (2 Timothy 4:5); and
- WHEREAS 3) the harvest is plentiful, with 169 parish pastoral vacancies as of March 2023; and
- WHEREAS 4) the workers are few, with about 30 graduates projected to fill those vacancies in May 2024; and
- WHEREAS 5) God commands us to do good to all people, but especially to those who belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10); and
- WHEREAS 6) the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod resolved at the 2021 synod convention to strive to open 100 new missions in 10 years; and
- WHEREAS 7) while the Christian spirit and zeal of this goal is commendable, fulfilling it runs the risk of unduly withholding pastoral care from the current family of believers and creating resentment among the very people who should and do generously support this and other synodical ventures (the proverbial cutting off of the leg one stands on); therefore be it
- Resolved, a) that we, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, implement the 100 in 10 resolution from the 2021 synod convention by soliciting and obtaining manpower and assistance for our new missions from neighboring WELS (and ELS, if feasible) clergy and congregations as much as possible; and be it finally
- Resolved, b) that we intensify our recruitment efforts in and support for our future called workers.

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