To Develop Biblically Faithful Textbooks/Curricula for Our Day Schools, High Schools, and Home Schools

3 Resolution 4-01

WHEREAS, Education in all subject areas is first and foremost about what is taught, namely that which is good, true, and beautiful; and

WHEREAS, Secular education in all subject areas is increasingly subject to forces from anti-God, anti-Christ, anti-family, pro-death, amoral, anti-truth, and even anti-beauty perspectives; and

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures provide the norm and framework for knowledge in all subject areas, all being interwoven in significant ways with right theology, ethics, history, and human nature as revealed by God therein; and

WHEREAS, The LCMS has the second largest system of parochial schools in America, but too often they are using secular textbooks/curricula, or publications from non-Lutheran traditions; and

WHEREAS, Many Lutheran parents who homeschool their children find good, biblically faithful textbooks/curricula options to be sorely lacking; and

WHEREAS, Christian schools and home schools in general would benefit greatly from having more biblically faithful Christian textbook/curricula options; and

WHEREAS, The natural sciences, especially biology and earth sciences, are prone to the grievous errors of Darwinism and other widely accepted secular theories which directly undermine the integrity of the Scriptures, and the Gospel itself, by putting Death before the Fall; and

WHEREAS, The Discovery Works science textbooks available from Concordia Publishing House (the only day school curricula available from CPH besides Religion Curriculum and some Lesson Plans) are outdated (© 1999) and rather limited (Grades 1-6); and

WHEREAS, The need is urgent, since surveys show that sixty percent of young adults raised as Christians are rejecting the faith,¹ their doubts arising in middle school and high school when Darwinism and its many related false "-isms" are taught by the secular textbooks but either no counter arguments for biblical truth are available or those presented are inadequate; and

WHEREAS, The LCMS has a university system and two seminaries comprising expertise across all subject areas, including early childhood education, for producing

¹ Ham, K., Beemer B., Hillard, T. (2009). Already Gone: Why your kids will quit church and what you can do to stop it. Master Books.

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37	WHEREAS, The LCMS has its own publishing house; therefore be it
38 39 40	Resolved, That the Montana District of the LCMS memorialize the Synod in convention to direct and coordinate the preparation and production of biblically faithful textbooks/curricula across all subject areas, for grades K-12; and be it further
41 42	Resolved, That this curriculum be among the highest priorities for CPH; and be it further
43 44 45	<i>Resolved,</i> That the first drafts for textbook/curricula material be made available by 2025 with the rest of the textbooks/curricula to follow in a timely manner; and be it finally
46 47 48	<i>Resolved,</i> That CPH engage the expertise of LCMS university and seminary faculties, as well as LCMS day school, high school, and homeschool teachers for the development of these textbooks/curricula.
49	RE: 2022 Convention Workbook Overture 4-01
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