**Resolution 1-02**

**To Support the Acquisition of a Parsonage for the Congregations at Wolf Point, Plentywood, and Glasgow**

Whereas, The Montana District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod committed at its 2003 convention to give 25% of all funds received from congregational pledges to the synodical budget “for the work of the kingdom” (2003 Montana District Resolution 3-01); and

Whereas, The Montana District has a three-point parish located in Wolf Point, Plentywood, and Glasgow which serves about one tenth of the state of Montana; and

Whereas, This parish recently lost its pastor of 13 years because of ill health; and

Whereas, The previous pastor had his housing needs met outside of the compensation he received from the parish; and

Whereas, Good housing is essential to the parish’s ability to call and provide for a pastor; and

Whereas, The LCMS Office of National Mission has offered a potential $20,000 toward the cost of a parsonage; and

Whereas, The actual cost of a suitable parsonage will approach $300,000 (Letter of President Forke to Pastors of the District, 11/8/24); therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Montana District Convention authorize the Montana District Board of Directors to assist in the location and purchase a parsonage for the Wolf Point/Plentywood/Glasgow parish; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the funding for this purchase be provided by the potential $20,000 grant from Synod; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the congregations of the district as well as individual members thereof, be invited to participate in supporting the purchase of a parsonage for these congregations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That further necessary funding be provided by reducing the district pledge to the synod to 20%, beginning in fiscal year 2025, until the mortgage is fully paid; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the district pledge to synod return to 25% once the mortgage is fully paid.

Rev. Jakob Berger, Chairman, Floor Committee 1

Rev. Dr. Gerald Paul, Secretary, Floor Committee 1