**Resolution 1-04**

**To Encourage the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to produce Sunday School Material for very small Congregations**

Whereas, the Holy Scriptures command the Church to teach all nations, baptizing and instructing them in all that Christ has commanded (Matthew 28:19–20), and to train up children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6); and

Whereas, the Lutheran Confessions, particularly the Small Catechism, affirm the duty of parents and the Church to catechize children in the Christian faith (Small Catechism, Preface; Large Catechism, Shorter Preface); and

Whereas, very small congregations in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), often with limited resources, and incuding several age groups in one class, face challenges in providing consistent, high-quality Sunday School instruction; and

Whereas, a Lutheran, lectionary-based Sunday School curriculum, designed for flexibility and ease of use, would support small congregations in faithfully teaching the Word of God to children; and

Whereas, the LCMS has a history of providing educational resources to support congregations in their catechetical responsibilities, as seen in the work of Concordia Publishing House and the Synod’s Office of National Mission; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Montana District of the LCMS memorializes the Synod in convention to direct the appropriate entities, such as the Office of National Mission or Concordia Publishing House, to produce a digital, Lutheran, lectionary-based Sunday School curriculum that can be easily applied to very small congregations; and be it further

*Resolved*, that this curriculum be designed to be doctrinally sound, rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, structured for flexibility to accommodate the very limited resources and the occasional attendees; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the curriculum include practical materials, such as lesson plans, activities, and resources, that can be easily implemented by lay leaders or pastors of small congregations; and be it finally

*Resolved*, that the Montana District encourages its congregations to support and pray for this effort, that all children in the LCMS may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ through faithful catechesis (Ephesians 4:12–13).

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