**Resolution 5-01**

**To Condemn the Stone Choir Podcast**

Whereas, X (formerly Twitter) personalities Corey J. Mahler (@CoreyJMahler) and Ryan Dumperth (@treblewoe) began releasing episodes of the *Stone Choir* podcast on Oct. 19, 2022, to tackle issues they deemed relevant to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) that, in their judgment, the pastors and leadership of the LCMS were not addressing, leaving Mahler and Dumperth to function as “the very stones” who must “cry out” because the clergy are silent (Luke 19:40); and

Whereas, The issues, about which the *Stone Choir* accuses the pastors and leadership of the LCMS of remaining silent, include the supposed necessity of the reintroduction of racial segregation; the supposed sinfulness of interracial marriage; the supposed pernicious nature of the Jewish race today; and the supposed fictitious nature of the Jewish Holocaust perpetrated by the National Socialists during World War II; and

Whereas, None of *Stone Choir*’s positions on these aforementioned issues is taught in Holy Scripture, and indeed their positions on these issues cause great offense to many Christians of good will; and

Whereas, *Stone Choir* hosts Mahler and Dumperth are active on X and other social media, and Stone Choir listeners are likely to be influenced not only by what Mahler and Dumperth teach on the Stone Choir podcast, but also by what they post elsewhere; and

Whereas, Mahler and Dumperth, among other outrageously offensive behaviors, openly praise Adolf Hitler, call for the deportation of Jews, Muslims, and blacks from the United States, and condemn as sin the practice of interracial marriage and adoption, causing great offense to Christian consciences; and

Whereas, Through their activity on the *Stone Choir* podcast and on X, Mahler and Dumperth have sought to associate confessional Lutheranism with devotion to Adolf Hitler, opposition to the Jewish race, and a desire for segregation of blacks from white society; and

Whereas, Mahler and Dumperth have publicly denounced all pastors of the LCMS as “either apostate or derelict” and on their podcast and on X have attempted to turn the listeners against the listeners’ pastors; and

Whereas, Mahler and Dumperth are not currently active members of any LCMS congregation and are therefore beyond the reach of church discipline; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Montana District in Convention publicly condemn the teachings listed herein of the *Stone Choir* podcast and its hosts, Corey J. Mahler and Ryan Dumperth, for the offense they cause by their public devotion to Adolf Hitler, their stirring up of antipathy toward our Jewish and black members and neighbors, their denunciation as sin of that which God has not called sin, and their open hostility toward the pastors and leadership of the LCMS; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Montana District in Convention warn the laity of the Montana District against the *Stone Choir* podcast and its hosts, and that the pastors of the Montana District be encouraged to admonish members of their congregations whose approval of *Stone Choir* and its hosts has become known; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Montana District in Convention encourage the Montana District President to bring under discipline pastors of the Montana District who may be found to be promoting the *Stone Choir* podcast or its hosts for the offense they cause thereby; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) and seminary faculties of the LCMS be encouraged to examine the teachings of *Stone Choir* according to the norm of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, demonstrating from clear and firm testimonies of the same how *Stone Choir* is in error; and be it finally

*Resolved*, That the LCMS in convention be memorialized to condemn the *Stone Choir* podcast and its hosts and followers and to take action against pastors who promote the same.

The Montana District LCMS Convention