**RC2016-04**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY OF MINNESOTA**

*A Model Resolution for the six ELCA Synods of Minnesota (2016 synod assemblies)*

**WHEREAS,** Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota (LCMM) is a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 317A, 2009 Statutes, the purpose of which is “to maintain, develop, and promote the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to the students and faculty in the institutions of higher learning in Minnesota in accordance with the policies of the ELCA…” (Articles of Incorporation, Article 2); and

**WHEREAS,** the members of LCMM are the six ELCA synods in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS,** key responsibilities of LCMM have included buying, holding, insuring and selling real estate for nine local campus ministry agencies (CMAs) across the state; extending Letters of Call to campus pastors; and distributing synodical and ELCA churchwide funding to these CMAs; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years these responsibilities have gradually been transferred to the boards of the CMAs; and

**WHEREAS,** this transfer of responsibilities has eliminated the need for a statewide agency such as LCMM; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Minneapolis Area Synod, in assembly, authorize its bishop and synod council – in cooperation with their counterparts in the other five Minnesota synods and the LCCM, Inc. board of directors – to take all steps necessary to dissolve LCMM as soon as is reasonably practicable; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Minneapolis Area Synod Council, in consultation with the governing boards of the CMAs located on the territory of the synod, formulate a plan to assure that, between May 7, 2016 and January 31, 2018

1. Ownership of all LCMM assets – including clear title to all campus ministry buildings and real estate – is transferred from LCMM to the appropriate CMAs;
2. Budgeted contributions from the synod for campus ministry are redirected from LCMM to the CMA(s) on the territory of the synod, and other Minnesota CMAs, if so desired;
3. Members of the board of LCMM are discharged from their duties and thanked for their service;
4. Any other steps necessary to dissolve LCMM are taken; and
5. A synod leadership group is given responsibility for coordinating the ways in which the synod and the ELCA churchwide organization will tend and nurture the CMAs located on the territory of the synod; and be it finally

**RESOLVED,** that the Minneapolis Area Synod, in assembly, encourages all congregations to support the campus ministry agencies on the territory of the synod with their prayers, their financial gifts and the personal involvement of their members.

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