

The Reference and Counsel Committee is also charged with reporting on the implementation of actions taken by 2016 Synod Assembly. Briefly, I will review each of the non-budgetary resolutions.

**RC2016-01, Resolution Addressing Racial Injustice** called for congregations to discuss and write “racial justice mission statements” and to identify a racial justice liaison. Thus far, about 20 percent of synod congregations have selected a liaison, and a handful of congregations have finished the mission statement. These statements are part of the ongoing racial justice discussion of the synod, including at this assembly.

In response to **RC2016-02, Memorial Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery**, the Bishop hosted a conversation about the Doctrine and its repudiation. Three delegations of synod leaders also went to Standing Rock in Morton County, North Dakota.

**RC2016-03, Memorial Urging Stewardship of the Gift of Water** had a meandering path to its source, but ultimately was passed at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly. All rostered leaders across the country were supplied with information about the watershed near their congregations. New watershed resources are being developed by Churchwide staff, some based on the work of the synod’s EcoFaith Network.

Plans are moving forward **RC2016-04, Resolution Calling for the Dissolution of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Minnesota**, with all six Minnesota synods voted affirmatively. Let me assure you that this is an administrative change, not the end of Lutheran Campus Ministry. The way it is governed and funded changes, but LCM continues.

We will hear more from Bishop Ann about **RC2016-07, Resolution to authorize the Synod Council to Begin the Process for a Potential Capital Campaign for the Minneapolis Area Synod**. Kairos and Associates were selected to help with this campaign, using designated donor funds. Listening posts were held and a case statement written. In the end, due to many factors, this campaign is morphing into more of a targeted effort around identifying and supporting young leaders within the church. The Synod Council is very engaged in the process.