

Report on 2023 Synod Assembly resolutions and memorials

RC2023-01 Resolution on Examining the Case for Making War in Ukraine

This resolution called on the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod to reiterate to the appropriate federal elected officials about their responsibility as leaders regarding engagement with the war in Ukraine. After significant discussion, the resolution passed in a close vote. The Bishop wrote a letter to five Members of Congress and both U.S. Senators from Minnesota expressing the sense of the Assembly.

RC2023-02 Resolution on Relationship with New Start and Strategic Ministries

This resolution called on the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod to write a letter reminding congregations considering worship services with specific communities to be in consultation with the Mission Table and the Synod Bishop. This resolution also requires the Synod Bishop to write a similar reminder every year. The resolution passed overwhelmingly. The Bishop wrote and distributed a letter to each congregation of the synod expressing the sense of the Assembly.

RC2023-03 Revising the FY 2023 Synod Budget

This resolution revises the Fiscal Year 2023 (February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024) based upon current Mission Support trends, including the final Mission Support receipts for 2023. This resolution passed overwhelmingly and the budget was adjusted.

RC2023-04 FY 2024 Synod Budget

This resolution proposed an anticipated budget for Fiscal Year 2024. That budget will be adjusted at the 2024 Synod Assembly to further reflect the most recent information about fulfillment of Mission Support sharing from congregations. This resolution passed overwhelmingly and became the operating budget for the synod.

RC2023-05 A Resolution on Equity, Inclusion, and Interpretation/Translation

This resolution recognized the great gift of a diverse church, and therefore resolved to establish a task force to determine the most effective and efficient ways to ensure language access to all members of ELCA congregations in this synod. The resolution expressed its intention that the detailed budget in 2025 reflects this commitment. This resolution passed overwhelmingly.