

**OVERTURE 02-01-09**

**RE: RESOLUTION 02-01A-09**

**SUBJECT: TO ENCOURAGE THE OFFER OF EVERY SUNDAY SERVICE  
COMMUNION**

WHEREAS, scripture shows that two central parts of life for the early church were the gathering to hear the preached Word and to receive the Lord's Supper; and

WHEREAS, The weekly opportunity to commune was part of the reforms Luther made as he sought to return to the worship practice of the Scriptures and the early church (*Small Catechism*, Preface 21-23; LW 49:206); and

WHEREAS, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession says, "In our churches Mass is celebrated every Sunday and on other festivals, when the sacrament is offered to those who wish for it" (Ap XXIV.I; cf. AC XXIV34); and

WHEREAS, In this heavenly meal the risen Christ is truly present to feed us with His very body and blood and to forgive us (Matt 26:28; cf. *Small Catechism*, Part VI, *What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?*); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the LCMS congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to offer the blessings of having both sermon and Supper together every Lord's Day.

Paul Meyer, Chairperson

Doug Widger, Secretary

**Resolution 02-02-09**

**RE: Overture 02-02A-09**

**SUBJECT: TO ENCOURAGE THE SYNOD TO RESPECT THE DISSENT  
PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Synodical Handbook encourages a three step process of dissent,

*"1.8.1 While retaining the right to brotherly dissent, members of the Synod are expected as part of the life together within the fellowship of the Synod to honor and uphold the resolutions of Synod."*

*"1.8.2 Dissent from doctrinal resolutions and statements is to expressed first within the fellowship of peers and then brought to the attention of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations before finding expression as an overture to the convention calling for revision or rescision. While the conscience of the dissenter shall be respected, the conscience of others, as well as the collective will of the Synod, shall be respected." and,*

"WHEREAS, the Synodical Handbook 3.1.7 calls for "all reports and overtures accepted by the President in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs shall be referred by him to convention committees appointed to him in the name of the convention", and

WHEREAS, there might be confusion as how to carry out and complete the process, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Synod be **encouraged to follow** all aspects of **By-Law 1.8.2 of the** dissention process to its completion by **including overtures in the convention business.**

Paul Meyer, Chairperson

Doug Widger, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 02-03-09**

**OVERTURE 02-03A-09**

**SUBJECT: TO ADDRESS SEXUAL PREDATORY BEHAVIOR IN THE CHURCH**

WHEREAS, all forms of sexual sin—especially evidenced in criminal, predatory behavior—are, sadly, a common and growing reality in the world and even in the Church today; and

WHEREAS, it is the case that Called Professional Church Workers are not immune to engaging in or being victimized by this behavior; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing and growing need to provide education and training to raise awareness of an ability to identify the characteristics and behavior of sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Presidents is presently studying this matter, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas District in convention encourage the colleges and seminaries of our Synod to include in their training a component which emphasizes recognition of sexual predatory behavior, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Council of Presidents be encouraged to continue their study regarding this issue and how to bring [this] training to the district level; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that congregations be encouraged to offer support and spiritual care and other resources to the victims of abuse, and their families.

Rev. Paul Meyer, Chairman

Doug Widger, Secretary

**RESOLUTION 02-04-09**

**SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance**

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Task Force has given us an updated report;  
therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we thank them for all their diligent work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage the 2010 Synodical Convention to give timely  
and due consideration to the proposals and feedback from the Task Force.

Paul Meyer, Chairperson  
Doug Widger, Secretary