

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's
Seventh Triennial Convention of the
Lutheran Youth Organization:
El Rio de Vida
July 9-12, 2006
Marriott Riverwalk and Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio, TX

Business Session Minutes

Business Session I: 7:30 pm July 9, 2006

Call to Order: Maren Hulden (President of the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization)

Welcome/Opening Prayer (Maren Hulden, President of the BLYO)

Introduction of BLYO members (Maren)

President: Maren Hulden

Vice President: Kwau Kuntu

Secretary: Kira Haler

Members at Large

Region 1: Lona Watts

Region 2: Mara Brosy

Region 3: Tyler Hauger

Region 4: Sara Humphrey

Region 5: Hannah Wallisch

Region 6: Rachel Meade

Region 7: Nate Preisinger

Region 8: Courtney Zimmerman

Region 9: Megan Quarles

MAC Liaison: Jacqueline St. Pierre

MAC Chair: Diana Marcus

DAC Liaison: Dayle Kitch

DAC Chair: Emily Schmidlin

CSLYOPS female co-chair: Mikka McCracken

CSLYOPS male co-chair: Paul Peterson

CSLYOPS female co-chair elect: Liz Lampman

CSLYOPS male co-chair elect: Jay Eckman

Male Church Council Advisory Member: Sam Schlouch

Female Church Council Advisory Member: Christy Kelton
Parliamentarian: Judy Wagner St. Pierre
Chaplains: Bill Bixby, Kelly Chatman, Lydia Kalb
Convention Planning team: Nels Hunstad, Molly Beck Dean, Erin Johnson, Kristina Garibidean,
Alex Jenkins, Matt Cavin

BLYO Advisor: Dianha Ortega-Ehreth

Welcome From Dianha

LYO Orientation (Maren)

-Explanation of what LYO is by way of video presentation

Constitutional purpose of Convention

Relationship to Board/other groups

- a. Direct/guide work of the next BLYO

How BLYO fits into ELCA

Delegate/Participant Role This Weekend:

Business Sessions

Topic Sessions

Small Groups

Workshops

Fellowship

Regional boxed lunches, etc.

Worship

Networking

Orientation to Robert's Rules of Order (Parliamentary Procedure)

(Maren)

Explanation of Parliamentary Procedure and its purpose at convention

-skit! (convention delegates practice using parliamentary procedure)

Adoption of Agenda

-changes to proposed agenda (Maren)

* Move greetings from World Hunger to Business Session I and add greetings from
Global Missions to Business Session III.

Rachel Nelson, Upstate New York Synod, asks to repeat changes to agenda

Discussion/Debate (none)

Vote on Adoption of Agenda

Agenda is Adopted

Adoption of Standing Rules:

-explanation of standing rules (Maren)

Jill Tigges, Northeastern Iowa Synod:

Motion: voting body should not be separated from their adult counterpart in case there is a need for consultation.

Discussion

Motion to end debate

Vote: All in favor of ending debate

Motion Carries, debate is ended

Vote: strike all existing language for standing rule number 11 and replace with:
Voting body should not be separated from adult counterpart in case there is a need for consultation

Vote:

Motion fails

Standing rule number 11 will remain unchanged

Adoption of Standing Rules

Discussion

Vote to adopt standing rules

Motion Carries

Standing Rules are Adopted

Adoption of 2003 LYO Convention Minutes

Discussion

Vote to adopt 2003 LYO Convention Minutes

Motion Carried

2003 LYO Convention Minutes are adopted

Report from the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization

President (Maren Hulden)

-BLYO Mission 2003-2006

*Grow in Faith

*Act as disciples

*Lift their voice

*In service to the World

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Faith-life (Tyler Hauger)

Spiritual development of the board and youth in the ELCA

*4:24 prayer campaign

*Mosaic Video Ministry

**The Young Lutheran*

*Exemplary Youth Ministry Study

*Faith Needs of the BLYO

ELF (Evangelical Leading in Faith) (Mara Brosy)

BLYO Jeopardy!

*Resource Manual available for helping to build synod LYOs is in development

Advocacy committee (Sam Schlouch, Jay Eckman)

*Advocating, lifting up voices of youth all over the ELCA

Service committee (Nate Preisinger)

*Planning service projects for BLYO, CSLYOPS, etc.

*Hamilton's for Hunger

MAC REPORT (Diana Marcus, MAC Chair)

*MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event): this year's theme was *La Luz: The Power of the Light Shines for MYLES*

*Lifting the Voices of people of color within the LYO, making sure they're heard

DAC REPORT (Emily Schmidlin, DAC Chair)

*DAYLE (Definitely-Abled Youth Leadership Event): this year's theme was *Strengthened by God to Serve*

*Lift the voices of people with disabilities within the LYO

**Beyond the Ramp* – this is a workshop for disability awareness, making congregations more accessible to youth with disabilities, both physically and in ways of empowerment

CSLYOPS REPORT (Mikka McCracken, Paul Peterson, Liz Lampman, Jay Eckman)

*Council of Synod LYO Presidents: meets annually

-leadership training, networking, service opportunities, worship, prayer

*Next CSLYOPS will be in Washington D.C.! *Made for Aid* will be the theme

Youth Advisory Members to the ELCA Church Council (Sam Schlouch, Christy Kelton)

*These two have voice on BLYO and Church Council, but no vote

*They serve to report back and forth between BLYO and Church Council

*Church Council is second highest governing body in the ELCA

Explanation of the responsibilities of each committee:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Nate Preisinger)

313 voting, 7 advisory, 34 visitors (advisory member numbers have been corrected in these minutes)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Courtney Zimmerman)

Takes care of election logistics (profiles, nomination forms, etc.)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (Hannah Wallisch, Sam Schlouch)

Preparing for business (topic sessions, resolutions)

GREETINGS FROM THE ELCA

Vocation and Education Executive Director (group director) – Sue Rothmeyer speaking on behalf of Stan Olson

Vice President of the ELCA –Carlos Peña

Office of the ELCA Presiding Bishop - Myrna Sheie on behalf of the Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

ELCA World Hunger -Sue Edison-Swift

Event Orientation/Announcements

Business session comes to a close

Close in PRAYER

Business session II

Monday, July 10 2006-2:00pm

Intro, Opening Prayer

Credentials Committee Report and Announcements (Nate Preisinger)

243 voting delegates

7 advisory members

76 visitors

Intro to Topic Sessions (Hannah Wallisch)

*this entire business session will consist of topic sessions

Each topic session will be facilitated by a member of the BLYO. Some sessions will also include a resource person.

Dismissal to Topic Sessions

Closing Prayer

Business Session III

Monday, July 11 – 6:30-8:30 pm

Intro/Opening Prayer

Introduction to Greetings from Special Guests (Liaisons)

ELCIC –Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada (Liaison: Courtney Zimmerman)

- *Rev. Rick Schultz speaks on behalf of the ELCIC and all it entails
- *Andrea Mair: Liaison from the ELCIC to the LYO for next three years

LPF –Lutheran Peace Fellowship (Liaison: Lona Watts)

- *Sarah Collins: youth trainer and program coordinator; speaks about LPF

ELCA Global Missions (Liaison: Hannah Wallisch)

- Ray Ranker: Young Adults in Global Mission is a program that took him to Argentina

LSM-Lutheran Student Movement (Liaison: Mikka McCracken)

- *Lori Lepelletier explains transition from LYO to LSM

Lutheran Men in Mission (Liaison: Tyler Hauger)

- *Intergenerational Communication
- *Keith Langford speaks on behalf of LMM Board

Credentials committee REPORT (Nate Preisinger)

273 voting delegates

7 advisory members

76 visitors

Announcements

LYO VISIONING TOPIC DISCUSSIONS!!!!!!

*Vance Blackfox, former president of the LYO addresses Convention regarding LYO visioning from a more historical perspective. He explains the development of the ELCA and LYO.

*Maren introduces current thoughts on LYO and its future, called “Visioning” and explains what we can do to talk through the visioning process.

*Liz Lampman introduces how we will approach this “Visioning”

*Mikka explains exactly how our “visioning” will happen.

Delegates move to a new space to have visioning process discussion for one hour at 7:30

Business Session IV

Tuesday, July 11 – 9:45-11:45am

Intro/Opening Prayer

Report from the Credentials Committee (Nate Preisinger)

278 voting members

7 advisory members

Report from the Nominations Committee

-Ballot One!

*Introduction of all nominees

President: Nathaniel Viets-VanLear, Sam Schlouch, Kayla Nelson, Anna Johnson, David Bloomer

Vice President: Walter M.L. Hampton II, Diana Marcus, Adam Bryant, Keith Hanson, AJ Houseman, Brittany Wheelock, Dana Sekeres

Secretary: Melanie Bindon, Amie L. Heller, Meaghan Dorn, Nicole Lauck, Zanneta Smith.

Member at Large from Region 1: Emily Isensee, Anne Olson.

Member at Large from Region 2: Kayla Potts, Erik Mathre, Alissa Raby.

Member at Large from Region 3: Sally Ea, Keila McCracken, Elizabeth Jorgenson, Sannessa Lindeman, Josh Brendenhoeft, Kirsten Haugen, Craig Dokken.

Member at Large from Region 4: Dalton Berry, Shauna Mennis, Ryan Humphrey, Cedric Turner.

Member at Large from Region 5: Tyler McKenney, Johnathan Ailabouni, Emilee Liverance, Nadia Stennes-Spidahl, Jessica McWilliams, Green Bouzard, Kalyn Robbert.

Member at Large from Region 6: Jessica McCallum, Mike Grimm.

Member at Large from Region 7: Rebecca Montes de Oca, Meghan Hager, Heather Newberger, Rachel Nelson, Addison Small Bradley.

Member at Large from Region 8: Kelsey Smart, Maggie Pearson.

Member at Large from Region 9: David Hawkins, Brian Lewis, Amy Schaet, Jacqueline St. Pierre.

***Vote** (See Appendix A for numbers and percentages of votes taken for ballot one)

Report from the Multicultural Advisory Committee (Diana Marcus, chair)

- Purpose of the committee
- Committee Events

Report from Resolutions Committee (Hannah Wallisch, chair)

- explanation on how to approach, discuss resolutions

RESOLUTION 1: A RESOLUTION FOR INTER-LUTHERAN UNITY

WHEREAS, We, the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America feel committed to follow God's word, and,

WHEREAS, as young people, baptized into the Lutheran expression of the Christian faith we have spent our lives growing within this Lutheran community. We value our Lutheran heritage and the work of being Lutheran Christians. We want to ensure that the ties of being a Christian and being a Lutheran in God's family are loving, faithful bonds, and,

WHEREAS, Ephesians 4 states: "2 Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. 3 Try your best to let God's Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace. 4 All of you are part of the same body. There is only one Spirit of God, just as you were given one hope when you were chosen to be God's people. 5 We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. 6 There is one God who is the Father of all people. Not only is God above all others, but he works by using all of us, and he lives in all of us," and,

WHEREAS, Romans 15:7 states: "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God," and,

WHEREAS, 1 Corinthians 12 states: "12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we are all baptized in to one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and we were all made to drink of one Spirit...22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it," and,

WHEREAS, As Lutherans growing together and working together in our faith, we feel moved to reach out to our brothers and sisters in other Lutheran churches by

strengthening communication and realizing we are all people of God working to better God's world, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the LYO encourages all Lutheran denominations to seek unity and cooperation .

Submitted by the Lower Susquehanna Synod LYO

Resolutions committee Recommends resolution for adoption by convention

An original author addresses importance of the resolution

Debate

Vote on Resolution 1 as it stands.

Motion Carried

Resolution 1 is adopted by Convention.

RESOLUTION 2: OUTDOOR MINISTRIES LIAISON

WHEREAS, outdoor ministries of the ELCA have an important role in the outreach of the youth of the ELCA, and

WHEREAS, the BLYO is a representative body of youth in the ELCA; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the BLYO develop a partnership with the outdoor ministries of the ELCA by appointing a liaison from the BLYO to Outdoor Ministries of the ELCA.

*Written and Submitted by:
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin LYO, 5H
Matthew Schmidt
Sarah Speich
Lisa Fellenz
Lara Haugen
Logan Carpenter
Braden Studelska
Sacsha Biley*

The Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention.

Author speaks to the purpose and importance of this resolution

Debate

**Vote on Resolution 2 as it stands.
Motion Carries
Resolution is Adopted by Convention.**

RESOLUTION 3: [NO TITLE]

WHEREAS, the LYO Constitution, Sect. 7.65, states: “The purpose of DAC is to help the LYO strive to be more inclusive, and to voice the concerns and needs of youth who have disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the current structure of DAC representation to the LYO unnecessarily excludes one member, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the LYO encourage the President of the BLYO to invite the DAC Secretary to all board meetings as an advisory member with voice but no vote, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the 2006-2009 BLYO consider action to amend the LYO Constitution to reflect this appropriately.

Submitted by the BLYO

Resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be passed by convention

An original author speaks to importance of the resolution

Discussion/Debate

**Vote on Resolution 3 as it stands.
Motion Carries
Resolution 3 is adopted by Convention.**

RESOLUTION 4: RECOMMENDATION TO LENGTHEN TERMS OF YOUTH ADVISORY MEMBERS TO CHURCH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, IN THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR ADVISORY MEMBERS TO Church Council, two years is not sufficient for being truly effective youth advisors to the Church Council because it takes almost that much time to learn its procedures and understand its significance in the context of the work of the ELCA, and without this knowledge youth sometime have difficulty feeling confident to even voice their opinion during meetings, and,

WHEREAS, the terms of all other Church Council members are six years, so the youth advisory members do not have sufficient time to get to know the other members, which can sometimes alienate the youth from other members, and seriously undermine full youth inclusion in the work of this church, and,

WHEREAS, extending this term to three years could serve to diversify the ages of the Board of the LYO and always ensure that the BLYO elects these advisory members with full understanding of their role within the mission of the LYO, and thus enhancing the work of the BLYO, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Youth Organization requests the ELCA Church Council to take appropriate action to amend the ELCA Constitution, Section 14.32.02 to read: “The Church Council shall have two youth advisory members, each elected by the board of the youth organization of this church to a ~~two~~ three year term beginning at the first meetings of the Church Council following each regular meeting of the Churchwide Assembly on a schedule determined by the youth organization of this church [in consultation with the office of the secretary].”

Submitted by the BLYO

Resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by convention

Author speaks to importance of the resolution

Recommendation for Addition to the last portion of the resolution (Myrna Sheie): ...in consultation with the office of the secretary

Motion to amend the last RESOLVED to read...*...on a schedule determined by the youth organization of this church in consultation with the office of the secretary.*

Second

Debate

Vote on amendment

Motion carries

The last RESOLVED will read: **RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Youth Organization requests the ELCA Church Council to take appropriate action to amend the ELCA Constitution, Section 14.32.02 to read: “The Church Council shall have two youth advisory members, each elected by the board of the youth organization of this church to a three year term ~~beginning at the first meetings of the Church Council following each regular meeting of the Churchwide Assembly~~ on a schedule determined by the youth organization of this church in consultation with the Office of the Secretary.**

Further discussion on resolution as amended

Vote on resolution 4 as amended

Motion Carries

Resolution 4 adopted by Convention.

RESOLUTION 5: RECOMMENDED FOCUSES FOR THE 2006-2009 BLYO

WHEREAS, the 2003-06 Board has worked diligently for the past three years to carry out the work of the organization and, based on these experiences, has identified important focuses for the new Board, and,

WHEREAS, each of the proposed Recommended Focuses reflects deep conversations and prayers of the Board, and,

WHEREAS, the LYO Convention is the highest legislative authority in this organization, and one of its purposes is to give direction and guidance to the Board for the following three years, and,

WHEREAS, the LYO Convention has the opportunity to discuss issues they care about and, based on these discussions, direct and guide the new Board's work, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the 2006 LYO Convention adopt the proposed Recommended Focuses for the 2006-09 BLYO, as guidance and direction from Convention for the Board's work.

Submitted by the BLYO

See Appendix C for Recommended Focuses for the 2006-09 BLYO (Also found in Delegate Handbook Section IV:14.1-14.2)

Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to resolution

Debate: none

Vote

Motion carries

Resolution 5 is adopted by Convention.

Motion to reconsider vote on Resolution 1

Second

Wishes to reconsider text, reading "denomination" instead of something like "sect"

Original authors/resolutions committee speak to why they chose to use "denomination"

Motion to end debate

Motion carries

Vote

Motion to reconsider fails

Resolution 1 will not be reconsidered

RESOLUTION 6: A RESOLUTION TO STUDY THE MISSION AND STRUCTURE OF LYO

WHEREAS, self-study and evaluation are good for any organization, and the LYO has not yet seriously undertaken either in its 19-year history, and,

WHEREAS, the ELCA Churchwide organization recently underwent a restructuring and re-visioning process which resulted in structural changes and mission renewal, and,

WHEREAS, the 2003-06 BLYO began a conversation about the vision and structure of LYO and found that such questions were far too big, important and necessary for only one group of the LYO to consider in a short time frame; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2006-2009 BLYO develop a process to explore, study and critically examine the identity, purpose, core values and structure of LYO, bringing a report and recommendation to the 2009 LYO Convention.

This process will intentionally include ministry partners, including (but not limited to) MAC, DAC, CSLYOPs, SYMBOL, LSM-USA, Youth Ministry Network, Vocation and Education Program Committee.

This process will specifically examine the following structural change ideas (but is not limited to):

1. Composition of the Board
2. Terms of the Board and how they are selected
3. Parliamentary Authority of the LYO
4. BLYO's relationships (formal and informal) with partners
5. Role of adults in BLYO

This process will specifically examine the following identity/purpose/values ideas (but not limited to):

1. Purpose of CSLYOPs
2. Purpose of BLYO
3. Relationship between Synod LYOs and BLYO
4. Role of adults in LYO
5. Relationship between LYO and ELCA Churchwide organization

Submitted by the BLYO

Resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by convention

Author speaks to resolution

Debate

Editorial correction: need to spell out LSM-USA (Lutheran Student Movement – USA)

Comments from liaison to LSM

Vote on resolution 6 as corrected

Motion carries.

Resolution 6 is adopted by Convention

RESOLUTION 7: LYO MISSION QUESTIONS

WHEREAS, unlike statements, questions ask for and do not assume the answers, so they can help and organization to continually examine itself and guide its work, and,

WHEREAS, such continual examination is helpful and necessary for an organization like LYO because it is blessed with a constant flow of new young leaders who bring new ideas and expectations, and,

WHEREAS, as the LYO's context and the issues facing the LYO change, it will be helpful to have questions and a framework through which to focus the work of the organization, and,

WHEREAS, using questions, rather than statements, to focus the LYO's work will create space for the LYO to constantly discern God's call for the organization, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the LYO Mission Questions be passed down through LYO, along with the Constitution, so they can be used as a guide by any gathering of the LYO, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that future Boards and other gatherings of the LYO consider using the LYO Mission Questions in order to understand and frame their identity, purpose, and core values, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that future Boards consider adding their answers to a cumulative LYO Mission Questions Document and passing this document to future Boards in order to have a cumulative, historical document for Boards to inform the work of the organization.

Submitted by the BLYO

See Appendix D for LYO Mission Questions. Also can be found in Section IV: 16.1 of Delegate Handbook.

The resolutions committee recommends that convention adopt this resolution

Author speaks to resolution

Debate

Vote on resolution 7 as it stands

Motion Carries

Resolution 7 is adopted by Convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSE BUSINESS SESSION 4

BUSINESS SESSION 5
TUESDAY, JULY 11 2006 1:30-6:00

INTRO/OPENING PRAYER

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Nate Preisinger)

278 voting members

7 advisory members

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Second Ballot Candidates:

President: Kayla Nelson, Nathaniel Viets-VanLear

Vice President: Walt Hampton, AJ Houseman

Secretary: Meghan Dorn, Amie Heller

Region 1: Emily Isensee, Anne Olson

Region 2: Alisse Raby, Erik Mathre

Region 3: Keila McCracken, Craig Dokken, Elizabeth Jorgenson

Region 4: Shauna Mennis, Ryan Humphrey

Region 5: Jonathan Ailabouni, Green Bouzard

Region 7: Rebecca Montes de Oca, Heather Newberger

Region 9: David Hawkins, Jacqueline St. Pierre

Vote (*See Appendix B for numbers and percentages of votes taken for ballot two*)

Follow-up from Visioning Conversation

Report from Women of the ELCA (Sara Humphrey)

Carmen Richards, Linda Post-Bushkofsky are present on behalf of Women of the ELCA

Follow-up from Visioning Conversation

-Why did we do this?

-What did we say?

-What now?

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – Hannah Wallisch

RESOLUTION 8: “4:24 PRAYER CAMPAIGN”

WHEREAS, the mission of the 2003-2006 BLYO is to “empower youth of the ELCA to grow in faith, act as disciples, and lift their voice in service to the world,” and,

WHEREAS, the faithlife committee of the BLYO integrated a prayer campaign based on Acts 4:24, “When they heard [that the disciples were released from prison], they raised their voices together to God” to encourage prayer, and

WHEREAS, the 4:24 Prayer Campaign challenged the BLYO, youth of the ELCA, and the 40,000 participants of the 2006 ELCA Youth Gathering to pause at 4:24 each afternoon for one minute of silent prayer, and

WHEREAS, numerous synodical LYO boards, three ELCA outdoor camp ministries, and young people from around the world serving as stewards at the 2006 World Council of Churches assembly in Brazil joined as participants in the 4:24 Prayer Campaign, and

WHEREAS, the first objective of the ELCA's evangelism strategy calls the church to prayer for the "renewal of this church so that every member, congregation, synod, churchwide unit, and institution might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ;" therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Youth Organization at its 2006 convention invite the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, its members, congregations, synods, agencies and institutions, and the churchwide organization join the young people of this church in the 4:24 Prayer Campaign, pausing for one minute of silent prayer each afternoon at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

BLYO Faithlife committee

Tyler Hauger (BLYO Region 3 Member at Large)

Courtney Zimmerman (BLYO Region 8 Member at Large)

Rachel Meade (BLYO Region 6 Member at Large)

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention.

Author speaks to the resolution.

Friendly amendment to amend the RESOLVED portion of the resolution to strike the word "silent"

Motion to close debate

Second

Vote to end debate

Motion carries, debate ends

Vote to adopt Resolution 8

Motion carries

Resolution 8 is adopted by Convention

RESOLUTION 9: LIAISON TO THE ELCA ADVOCACY OFFICES

WHEREAS, the BLYO should have a strong connection to the ELCA and programs carried out by the ELCA, and

WHEREAS, the LYO Constitution in its chapter 2.01.h calls for “opportunities for study and action on global issues.” And

WHEREAS, the LYO can provide positive assistance to ELCA Advocacy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the BLYO work to establish a liaison position with all the advocacy offices of the ELCA churchwide organization, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the liaison would work with the ELCA Advocacy offices to engage youth in education and advocacy on issues that affect our communities, nation, and the world, which the ELCA has taken a position.

Submitted by:

Emily Isensee, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

Briana Watts, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

An original author speaks to the importance of this resolution

Debate

Vote to adopt resolution 9

Motion carries

Resolution 9 is adopted by convention

RESOLUTION 11: LYO CONVENTION IRAQ WAR RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, young adults represent a large percentage of those soldiers serving and those who have been killed or injured and military recruiters and highly visible in our high schools around the nation. Today’s youth and young adults will bear the human and economic cost of this war for decades to come.

WHEREAS, 1 Peter 3:8-15 challenges us to “live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers and sisters, be compassionate and humble...” and not “repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessings...” and

WHEREAS, Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, has on numerous occasions made statements promoting alternatives to military action in Iraq both before the war and since, calling us to “stand unequivocally for peace” (August 30, 2002), and

WHEREAS, the ELCA social statement *For Peace in God’s World* calls “the church to be a disturbing presence” on those occasions when it “refuses to be silent and instead speaks the truth...when it names and resists idols that lead to false security, injustice, and war, and calls for repentance”, and

WHEREAS, Thirty-one synods and the 1999 Churchwide Assembly passed a resolution endorsing the Decade for a culture of Nonviolence which calls for teaching of nonviolence at every level in the church, and

WHEREAS, as Christians we are called to be responsible citizens, to hold public conversation about moral challenges of the day in light of the fact that we are all children of God, to accept the responsibility to be public church: taking action for justice and peace; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we support Bishop Hanson in his statements about Iraq concerning alternatives to military action. We urge ELCA Advocacy to put more focus on the war and provide additional leadership to Lutherans questioning the human and financial costs of the war; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge for the formation of workshops and forums and an increase of conversation between youth and adults at all levels of the church about Jesus' way of Shalom and how we can act as public church; using resources from the ELCA Task Force for the Decade for Nonviolence, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and other sources; and, be it further

RESOLVED that, we commit ourselves to respond to God's call to bring about the gospel vision of justice and peace, modeled by our savior Jesus Christ.

Submitted By:

Emily Isensee, Southwestern Washington Synod –1C

Briana Watts, Southwestern Washington Synod –1C

Anne Olsen, Northwestern Washington Synod –1B

Lona Watts, Southwestern Washington Synod –1C

Courtney Zimmerman, Lower Susquehanna Synod –8D

The Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention.

Author speaks to the importance of the resolution

Editorial change Decade “of” Nonviolence, not decade “for” nonviolence in second RESOLVED.

Debate

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion defeated, debate will continue

Motion to amend resolution: strike first resolved

Second

Motion to amend the amendment: strike third WHEREAS statement.

Motion to table resolution indefinitely

Vote

Motion Carries. Resolution 11 is tabled indefinitely

RESOLUTION 12: LYO EDUCATION IN ELCA SYNODS

WHEREAS, all youth ages 14-18 and/or in grades 9-12 who are members in ELCA congregations are considered to be members of the LYO, and

WHEREAS, the BLYO and synod LYO Boards seek to include all members of the churchwide LYO in faith-building, service, and fellowship, and

WHEREAS, many of the said members have demonstrated not having knowledge of the nature of the LYO, nor even its existence, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a synod-based LYO education team in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod has been shown to increase event participation and general knowledge of the LYO and its workings, and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of the LYO throughout the ELCA would follow the same trend, thus boosting the activity of youth nation-wide and increasing the body of youth that are the future of our church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LYO encourage each synod in the entire ELCA to create a task force with the purpose of educating their synod about the LYO, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the said task force would be created and managed at the discretion of each synod as they see fit, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this task force would operate under any appointed adult supervisor to aid in the education of the synod.

Submitted by:

Matthew Couch, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

Jeff Kissinger, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

Robert Conn, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

Heather Newberger, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

Shawn Pressley, Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (4F)

Kale Wetekamm, Texas/Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod (4F)

Addison Small-Bradley, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

Mary Walls, Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod (4D)

Kristina Youngblood, Northern Texas Northern Louisiana Synod (4D)

Jacob Esker, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

Scott Hughes, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

Kevin Rogers, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

Jessica Martin, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

Paul Sheldon, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

Brittany Sheldon, Northern Illinois Synod (5B)

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to the resolution and its importance

Debate

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries, debate ends

Vote on adoption of resolution 12

Motion carries. Resolution 12 is adopted by Convention

Motion to reconsider resolution 12

Second

Vote

Motion to reconsider is defeated

RESOLUTION 20: A RESOLUTION ON DARFUR

WHEREAS, the conflict in Darfur continues to destroy hundreds of thousands of lives, and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has labeled the situation in Darfur the worst humanitarian crisis in the world and both President Bush and the U.S. Congress have labeled it genocide, and

WHEREAS, Mark Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, in his May 2006 statement on the Darfur peace process, urges us to take action on behalf of the people of Darfur, and

WHEREAS, God calls us as the Body of Christ to aid those in need, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LYO raise awareness about the Darfur conflict [and world genocide] by way of information campaigns, workshops, and other appropriate measures, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the BLYO organize a fund raising campaign known as “Dollars for Darfur” at the 2009 National Youth Gathering, and

RESOLVED, that the LYO strongly recommends that Dollars for Darfur be set as the priority fund raiser for the junior high and senior high synodical gatherings. that the LYO use their talents and tools to help those in need in Darfur and around the world.

Submitted by:

Melanie Puchot, LA Gulf Coast synod, 4F

Josh Murtha, Virginia synod, 9A

Keith Hanson, South Dakota synod, 3C

Kathy Keys, Alaska synod, 1A

Amanda Schnelle, Southwestern Texas synod, 4E

Rebecca R. Ruckdashel, Metro New York synod, 7C

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to resolution and its importance

Debate

Motion to amend resolution: add “and world genocide” after Darfur conflict

Second

Debate

Vote on including amendment in first resolved clause

Motion carries. Original resolution is amended.

Motion to amend last RESOLVED: strike “set”, replace with “considered”

*...Dollars for Darfur be **considered** as the priority...*

Second

Vote on amendment

Motion fails

Resolution not amended

Motion to replace entire final RESOLVED clause with: “...that the LYO use their talents and tools to help those in need around the world.” Instead of “...that the LYO strongly recommends that Dollars for Darfur be set as the priority fund raiser for the junior high and senior high synodical gatherings.”

Debate

Motion to amend last RESOLVED of the resolution to read: *RESOLVED, that the LYO use their talents and tools to help those in need [in Darfur] and around the world.*

Second

Debate

Motion to end debate on the amendment to the amendment

Second

Motion carries. Debate ended.

Vote on amendment to the amendment “in darfur and...”

Motion carries. Resolution is amended to read: “...*those in need in Darfur and around the world.*”

Motion to end debate on amendment

Second

Motion carries. Debate is ended.

Vote on amendment “RESOLVED, that the LYO use their talents and tools to help those in Darfur and around the world.”

Motion Carries. Resolution is amended.

Motion to end debate on original motion and vote on resolution as amended

Second

Motion Carries.

Vote

Motion Carries. Resolution 20 is adopted by Convention.

BREAK (3:40 PM) FOR REPORT FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 23: A RESOLUTION ON IMMIGRATION

WHEREAS, the LYO believes that as Christians, we have a responsibility to help and welcome immigrants currently in the United States, and

WHEREAS, based on geographic location some synods are more directly affected by immigration than others, which affects their understanding of the issue, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Assembly of the Virginia Synod unanimously passed a similar resolution on June 18, 2006, and

WHEREAS, one stated goal of the ELCA is multiculturalism, which we could help achieve through ministering to immigrants, and

WHEREAS, the Bible teaches us, “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt (Leviticus 19: 33-34); therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ministry of the LYO[, while not condoning illegal immigration,] should not be contingent on legal status of immigrants; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the LYO Convention support Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson’s statement in Evangelical Lutherans call for Fair and Just Immigration Reform promoting a path to permanent residence for all immigrants currently in the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the BLYO establish communication among synods through events such as CSLYOPs to further all synods’ understanding of the issue of immigration, and be it further

RESOLVED, that BLYO work with MAC to call for the development of resources to guide members of the LYO to set forth a youth ministry to immigrant youth.

Submitted by:

Josh Murtha, Virginia Synod (5A)

Lucas Hakkenberg, Virginia Synod (5A)

Becca Shelor, Virginia Synod (5A)

Ileana Schulz, Virginia Synod (5A)

Abby Godfrey, Virginia Synod (5A)

Katelyn Abraham, South Dakota Synod (3C)

The resolutions committee recommends this resolution to be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to resolution

Motion to amend first RESOLVED to read: ...*that the ministry of the LYO should not be contingent on legal status of immigrants [but we should not condone the illegal behavior or the breaking of law]; and, be it further*

Friendly Amendment: amend previous amendment to read... *but we should not condone illegal immigration*

Debate

Friendly Amendment: amend first RESOLVED to read... *that the ministry of the LYO, while not condoning illegal immigration, should not be contingent on legal status of immigrants.*

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries, debate ended

Vote on amendment to resolution

Motion Carries

First RESOLVED is amended to read: ...*that the ministry of the LYO, while not condoning illegal immigration, should not be contingent on legal status of immigrants; and, be it further*

Debate on resolution as amended

Call the question

Second

Vote to end debate

Motion carries

Debate is ended

Vote on resolution as amended

Motion Carries. Resolution 23 is adopted by Convention.

RESOLUTION 19: A RESOLUTION ON THE ONE CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, 189 countries including the United States have endorsed the Millennium Development Goals, which aim to eliminate poverty worldwide by 2016, and

WHEREAS, the world has the knowledge, resources, capacity to end extreme poverty and hunger, and

WHEREAS, the LYO should become more active in churchwide and worldwide Lutheran programs, and

WHEREAS, the LYO has and will continue to strive for the ending of world hunger and poverty, and

WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and the ELCA Council of Bishops have endorsed the ONE Lutheran campaign and declared the ministry to end global poverty a priority; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, [that it is strongly encouraged] that the BLYO, synodical LYO boards, and all LYO Convention delegates sign the ONE pledge and join e-advocacy at www.elca.org/advocacy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, [that it is strongly encouraged] that synod LYO representatives plan outreach activities in their synods to promote the ONE Lutheran Congregation Program (as found on the ELCA e-advocacy website); and, be it further

Submitted by:

Andrew Allen, Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod (4C)

Emily Isensee, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Motion to temporarily suspend rules so a visitor (an original author) may speak to this resolution

Second

Vote: motion carries.

Visitor is permitted to speak while rules are suspended.

Rules are no longer suspended

Debate

Motion to amend first RESOLVED to reading: ... *[that it is strongly encouraged] that the BLYO, Synodical LYO's....*

Second

Vote on amendment

Motion carries. The first RESOLVED is amended to read: *RESOLVED, [that it is strongly encouraged] that the BLYO, synodical LYO boards, and all LYO Convention delegates sign the ONE pledge and join e-advocacy at www.elca.org/advocacy; and, be it further*

Motion to amend second RESOLVED to read: ...*[that it is strongly encouraged] that....*

Vote on amendment

Motion carries. Second RESOLVED is amended to read: *RESOLVED, [that it is strongly encouraged] that synod LYO representatives plan outreach activities in their synods to promote the ONE Lutheran Congregation Program (as found on the ELCA e-advocacy website); and, be it further*

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries

Debate ended

Vote on resolution as amended

Motion carries. Resolution 19 is adopted by Convention

RESOLUTION 10: CULTIVATING AWARENESS OF THE LYO

WHEREAS, there is limited knowledge of the LYO and its purpose, and

WHEREAS, the LYO is a youth organization and all representatives have the responsibility to take action to inform others about the LYO, and

WHEREAS, LYO information sent by mail to churches is often mistaken for junk mail or for various other reason never reaches the youth. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BLYO issue quarterly reports by email to each convention delegate [as well as the available synod LYO advisors] as a means of heightening awareness of the LYO. A report will be sent after the conclusion of the fall BLYO meeting and after the conclusion of the spring BLYO meeting. These two reports will consist of a short summary of activities from each committee, including the executive committee. The two remaining reports shall be sent out in the summer and winter to serve as an update of the BLYO's actions. The executive committee will be in charge of these reports. And be it further

RESOLVED, that each delegate of the convention take responsibility to spread the information they will receive in the reports to cultivate awareness of the LYO.

Submitted by:

Tarin Kassover, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Justin Griffiths, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Rachel Nelson, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Jen Rafferty, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Shavonne Hannon, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Elisabeth Preisinger, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

Megan Hager, Upstate New York Synod (7D)

The Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to importance of adopting this resolution

Motion to amend first RESOLVED to read: ... *that the BLYO issue quarterly reports by email to each convention delegate [in addition to the pastors of the congregations in the ELCA]...*

Friendly Amendment: ...*to each convention delegate [as well as the available pastors of the congregations...]*

Friendly Amendment: ...*email to each convention delegate [as well as the available Synod LYO advisors]*

Motion to end debate

Second

Debate ended

Vote on amendment

Motion carries, amendment is made

Motion to table resolution until later date

Second

Resolution tabled until later time

RESOLUTION 15: “KAIROS 2006 RESOLUTION”

WHEREAS, the Gospel declares, “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9), calls us to repent, and challenges us, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed” (Romans 12:2) and

WHEREAS, the biblical prophets call us in each generation to speak the truth in love to the powers and principalities of our time, for God says to us, “I have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth” (Isaiah 42:6) and

WHEREAS, the ELCA social statement For Peace in God’s World reminds us that “as a community of moral deliberation, the Church is a setting of freedom and respect where believers of different perspectives may learn from one another,” and also that “the church is a distributing presence when it refuses to be silent and instead speaks the truth in times when people shout out “Peace, peace, when there is no peace” (Jeremiah 6:14)...when it names and resists idols that lead to false security, injustice, and war, and calls for repentance” (page 5), and

WHEREAS, Dietrich Bonhoeffer instructs us that “The followers of Christ have been called to peace...And they must not only have peace but make it...to renounce hatred and wrong...and in so doing overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate” (The Cost of Discipleship), and

WHEREAS, Thirty-one ELCA synods adopted a resolution endorsing the UN Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence (2001-10) urging education and action on every level of society; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LYO encourages its members, congregations, synods, churches, and other groupings to enter into moral discussion concerning our nation’s foreign and military policy, making use of resources and activities from “Equipping for Peacemaking” of the ELCA, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, and other sources; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that individuals, congregations, synods, the BLYO, and other groupings prayerfully consider becoming involved in studying, developing, and signing “Kairos 2006” as one step in being a “Public Church,” following God’s command to be peacemakers.

Submitted by:

Emily Isensee, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

Briana Watts, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

Anne Olsen, Northwestern Washington Synod (1B)

Lona Watts, Southwestern Washington Synod (1C)

The Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention.

Author speaks to importance of resolution

Motion to table resolution until all delegates receive a copy of Kairos 2006

Second

Motion carries. Resolution tabled until delegates receive a copy of Kairos 2006.

Motion to remove resolution 11 from the table

Second

Vote to remove resolution 11 from the table

Motion fails. Resolution remains tabled.

RESOLUTION 22: SYNODICAL YOUTH REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, the voice of youth is highly valued in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
and

WHEREAS, the life and views of youth are an integral part of fulfillment of the church's
mission, and

WHEREAS, many synods currently give vote and voice to youth as synod assemblies, and

WHEREAS, involvement in decision making gives youth a vested interest in the life of the
church, builds leadership, and forms faith, and

WHEREAS, ~~we believe synods should be a positive model for congregations in the inclusion of~~
~~youth~~, [synods are a model for congregations, and because of this, youth
involvement should be important], and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of youth creates a healthy cross generational community, therefore be
it,

**RESOLVED, that the LYO Convention strongly encourage synods [congregations] to
increase youth representation at synod assemblies [where youth are currently
underrepresented].**

Submitted by:

Kirsten Haugen, Northwest Minnesota Synod (3D)

Keila McCracken, Northwest Minnesota Synod (3D)

Sammi Trelstad, Northwest Minnesota Synod (3D)

Thomas Scholsser, Northwest Minnesota Synod (3D)

The resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Editorial Amendment: churches should be church's

Friendly Amendment: add at the end of RESOLVED clause: *...where youth are currently
underrepresented.*

Motion to amend RESOLVED clause: Strike synods, replace with congregations.

Second

Motion to end debate

Debate ended

Vote on amendment (replacing synods with congregations)

Motion passes. RESOLVED clause is amended to read: ...*that the LYO Convention strongly encourage synods [congregations] to increase youth representation at synod assemblies [where youth are currently underrepresented].*

Motion to amend 5th WHEREAS to read: *WHEREAS synods are a model for congregations and because of this youth involvement should be important.*

Motion to end debate

Second

Debate ends

Vote on amendment

Motion carries. The 5th WHEREAS is amended to read: ...*synods are a model for congregations and because of this youth involvement should be important.*

Motion to end debate

Debate is ended.

Vote on resolution as amended.

Motion Carries. Resolution 22 is adopted by Convention

****Maren entertains a motion that Kairos 2006 is handed out this evening and that the resolution be put on first order of business tomorrow morning at that business session.*

Convention agrees that the Kairos 2006 resolution be put on first order of business for tomorrow morning's business session.

Motion to recess for 5-10 at 5:15 pm

Second

Motion Carries. Delegates will return at 5:25

Back in Session at 5:25

Motion to remove Resolution 10 from the table.

Second

Vote

Motion fails. Resolution 10 remains tabled.

Point of Information regarding Resolution 22

(2) Points of Personal Privilege

RESOLUTION 18: RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, members of the LYO acknowledge that there are environmental concerns that need to be addressed, and

WHEREAS, Genesis 2:15 states, "The Lord God took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till and to keep it," and

WHEREAS, we believe that it is our duty as Christians and therefore stewards of God's creation to preserve and protect what God has entrusted to us; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the BLYO compile resources [if printed, be on recycled paper] for synodical LYO [to increase] awareness of environmental issues and stewardship.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Dyer, Southeastern Synod (9D)

Alison Larson, Sierra Pacific Synod (2A)

Hannah Anders, Sierra Pacific Synod (2A)

The Resolutions Committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by Convention

Author speaks to importance of this resolution

Friendly Amendment: add [to increase] to the RESOLVED clause after LYO

Friendly Amendment: add after resources...[if printed, be on recycled paper]

Motion to end debate

Second

Vote to end debate

Motion carries, debate ended.

Vote on resolution 18

Motion fails. Resolution 18 is not adopted by Convention.

The remainder of the resolutions will be considered in the morning.

Announcement of the 2006-2009 BLYO!

President: Nathaniel Viets-VanLear

Vice President: Walt Hampton

Secretary: Meaghan Dorn

Member at Large from Region 1: Emily Isensee

Member at Large from Region 2: Alisse Raby

Member at Large from Region 3: Keila McCracken

Member at Large from Region 4: Ryan Humphrey

Member at Large from Region 5: Jonathan Ailabouni

Member at Large from Region 6: Jessica McCallum

Member at Large from Region 7: Heather Newberger

Member at Large from Region 8: Maggie Pearson

Member at Large from Region 9: David Hawkins

Congratulations!!!

CLOSE BUSINESS SESSION 5

BUSINESS SESSION SIX
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 2006 9:00-10:30 AM

Intro/Opening Prayer

Report from the Credentials Committee (Nate Preisinger)

265 voting members

3 advisory members

Resolutions Committee – Hannah Wallisch

RESOLUTION 21: HUNGER CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, every three seconds a child dies from extreme poverty, and

WHEREAS, more than one billion people live on less than \$1.00 a day, and

WHEREAS, one in seven people around the world go hungry every day, and

WHEREAS, Jesus says, “As you did it to one of the least of these [my brethren], you did it to me. For I was hungry and you gave me food, for I was thirsty and you gave me drink, for I was a stranger and you welcomed me;” Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the LYO hereby challenge every youth group [or synod LYO] in the ELCA to raise ~~\$2,500~~ money toward ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Disaster Relief to fight to end world hunger and raise awareness of extreme hunger and poverty beginning in January 2007 and ending in December 2007, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the BLYO work with ELCA World Hunger Appeal and Disaster Relief to gather and analyze resources and tools for youth groups to utilize in meeting this challenge; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the LYO encourage youth groups [and synod LYO’s] to set a goal, reasonable for their group of the amount they wish to contribute.

Submitted by:

Anna Johnson, Northeastern Iowa Synod (5F)

Andrew Nieman, Northeastern Iowa Synod (5F)

Green Bouzard, Northeastern Iowa Synod (5F)

The Resolutions Committee makes no recommendation

Author speaks to the importance of this resolution

The chair recommends that we suspend the rules for the meeting so that there be a two-minute question and answer session after the original author of each resolution gives the first speech.

Motion to temporarily suspend the rules

Second

Vote: motion carries. *Rules are suspended for the duration of the business meeting and there will be a two-minute question and answer session after each affirmative speech.*

Motion to amend first RESOLVED to read: ... that the LYO hereby challenge every youth group in the ELCA to raise [money] toward ELCA World Hunger Appeal...(strike \$2,500, and replace with money)

Second

Motion to amend the amendment: ...that the LYO hereby challenge every youth group [or synod LYO] in the ELCA to raise [money]...

Discussion

Motion to bring all matters before the house

Second

Vote on bringing all matters before the house

Motion is defeated. Convention continues with debate on the amendment to amendment.

Motion to end debate on the amendment to amendment

Second

Vote

Motion carries. Debate Ends.

Vote on amendment including "...or synod LYO"

Motion carries. The amendment is made.

Debate on first amendment

Motion to amend amendment to read: *RESOLVED, that the LYO hereby challenge every youth group or synod LYO in the ELCA to [make a contribution] toward ELCA World Hunger...*

Motion to table the resolution indefinitely

Second

Motion fails

Motion to end debate on amendment to amendment

Second

Vote to end debate

Motion carries. Debate ends on amendment to amendment.

Vote on amending the amendment.

Motion fails (81 affirmative, 117 negative)

Debate on original amendment.

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries. Debate on original amendment ends.

Vote on amendment

Motion carries. (124 Affirmative, 93 Negative)

Amendment to first RESOLVED reads: ...that the LYO hereby challenge every youth group [or synod LYO] in the ELCA to raise [money] toward ELCA World Hunger Appeal...

Motion to amend: add third RESOLVED to read: ... *and be it further RESOLVED that the LYO encourage youth groups to set a goal, reasonable for their group of the amount they wish to contribute.*

Second

Debate

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries, debate ends

Vote on the amendment

Motion carries, amendment adopted

Friendly amendment: add [and synod LYO's] to third RESOLVED

Motion to end debate

Second

Motion carries

Vote on Resolution as amended

Motion carries, Resolution 21 adopted by Convention

**MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE ON AMENDMENTS TO FIFTEEN MINUTES
WITHDRAWN AS THERE ARE ONLY 5 MINUTES LEFT IN THE BUSINESS SESSION**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS: THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS NO LONGER Tabled
BECAUSE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ASSEMBLY IS NOW AVAILABLE**

RESOLUTION 15: KAIROS 2006 resolution

The resolutions committee recommends that this resolution be adopted by convention

Author makes first affirmative speech

Debate

Call the question

Second

Motion carries, debate ended

Vote on adoption of resolution 15 as presented

Motion carries (131 Affirmative, 77 Negative)

Resolution 15 is adopted by Convention

Motion to refer all remaining resolutions to the 2006-2009 BLYO

Second

Friendly amendment to pass environmental stewardship resolution along to the BLYO

Vote on motion to refer all remaining resolutions to 06-09 BLYO:

Resolution #13: "Process for Member at Large Nominee Speeches

Resolution #14: "Use of *The Message Bible*"

Resolution #16: "BLYO Member at Large Communication"

Resolution #10: "Cultivating Awareness of the LYO"

Resolution #18: "A Resolution on Environmental Stewardship"

Resolution #11: “LYO Convention Iraq War Resolution”
Resolution #17: “A Resolution on Marriage and Divorce”
Motion carries
All remaining resolutions will be passed on to the '06-'09 BLYO

Announcements

-servant life room review

Dianha addresses assembly with a variety of thank-you's to the outgoing BLYO members, the LYO Convention Planning Team members, and chaplains

Maren adds her thank-you's to other BLYO members who have served since 2003 and helped with Convention and all synod LYO advisors!

2006 LYO Convention is adjourned!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kira Haler, BLYO Secretary