

MINUTES from the 2009 LYO Convention University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, Mississippi July 26 – 30, 2009

Plenary I- July 27, 2009 10:45 am - 12:00 noon

- Meeting called to order at 10:54 am
 - Quick warm up
- Introduction of the BLYO
- Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure (Rev. Chris Berry, Parliamentarian)
- Report from the Credentials Committee (Jon Aliabouni, BLYO member)
 - There are 197 registered delegates, 99 are present. There is a quorum.
- Adoption of Agenda and Standing Rules
 - Nathaniel Viets-VanLear, LYO President, explained changes in Agenda / Order of Business. Report from the LYO Board (same as the Report from the President) will be in Plenary I. LYO Study Committee will report during Plenary II so that delegates are better equipped to enter into topic sessions.
 - **LYO 07.27.2009.1 -- Convention voted to adopt Order of Business as outlined by the President.**
 - The Business Process Committee made an amendment (Proposed constitutional changes will be voted on en bloc [all changes voted on in one motion]. If a delegate wishes to pull a proposed constitutional change from en bloc voting for separate consideration and/or amendment, she/he must submit a written request to the Secretary by the beginning of Plenary IV) to the Standing Rules
 - **LYO 07.27.2009.2 -- Convention voted to adopt the amendment to the Standing Rules**
 - No additional discussion of the Standing Rules.
 - **LYO 07.27.2009.3 -- Convention voted to adopt the Standing Rules.**
- Adoption of 2006 LYO Convention minutes
 - **LYO 07.27.2009.4 -- Convention voted to adopt the 2006 LYO Convention minutes.**
- President's Report (Report from the BLYO)
- Close in prayer led by Dan Faas
- Break for lunch at 11:55 am

Plenary II - July 27, 2009 1:00 - 2:00 pm

- Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm
- Message from the Vocation and Education Executive Director (Stan Olson)
 - Vocation is your calling and everyone has a calling
 - Explained "Book of Faith" - Workshop offered Wednesday
- Report of the Credentials Committee (Jon Ailabouni)
 - There are 207 registered delegates, 196 are present. There is a quorum.
- Report from the Office of the Presiding Bishop (presented by Myrna Sheie and Carlos

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- Greetings from the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the ELCA Church Council
- Thank you to the youth for serving God in their own way
- Resolutions Committee intro and report (Peter Larson)
 - Resolution writing room is in Wilbur Hall Rm. #629
- LYO Study Process Committee report
 - Explanation of the purpose of the LYO Study Committee (Sam Schlouch)
 - As passed by the 2003- 2006 BLYO
 - What, Who, Where When, Why and How! LYO Study Committee (Jessica McCallum)
 - LYO Common Themes on Identity, Purpose and Values (Dianha Ortega-Ehreth)
 - Lessons and Recommendations from LYO Study Process (Peter Larsen)
 - Proposed timeline and work plan for future of this work (Bill Bixby)
 - LYO Restructuring Resolution presentation (Sam Schlouch)
- Introduction of Conventions Chaplains
 - Rev. Megan Jones, Rev. William Hamilton, Rev. Vickie Hamilton, Rev. Pablo Obregon
- Introduction to Topic Sessions (Sally Ea)
- Close in prayer led by Jessica McCallum
- Break into Topic Sessions at 2:02 pm

Plenary III - July 27, 2009 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- Report from the Youth Ministries Director (Bill Bixby)
 - We will create a new church
- Report from MAC (Sareen Earm and Trevor Hjalseth)
 - Explanation of MAC and MYLE
 - Main focus of MAC and MYLE is inclusion
- Report from DAC (Kalie Alberts and William Dahl)
 - Explanation of DAC and DAYLE
- Report from CSLYOPs (Chris Whitaker and Sally Ea)
 - Explanation of CSLYOPs and the purpose
 - Future hopes and plans
- Report from Church Council youth advisors
 - In the delegate handbook, section 7 page 11
- Report from Nominations Committee
 - Procedure for nominations from the floor
- Close in prayer led by Emily Isensee
- Meeting adjourned at 7:51

Plenary IV - July 28, 2009 9:45 - 11:45

- Allowed time for participants to read over Constitutional changes.
- Meeting called to order at 10:06 am
- Report from the Credentials Committee
 - 192 Participants are registered, 107 is needed for a quorum. A quorum is met.

- One discrepancy was pointed out in Proposed Change #7 and Proposed Change #8.
 - LYO 07.28.2009.5 -- Convention voted to adopt the Proposed Constitutional Changes, except Proposed Changes 7 and 8. (See Appendix E for all LYO Constitutional changes.)
 - The confusion/discrepancy regarding Proposed Constitutional Changes #7 and 8 was addressed and
 - LYO 07.28.2009.6 -- Convention voted to adopt the Proposed Constitutional Change #7.
 - LYO 07.28.2009.7 -- Convention voted to adopt the Proposed Constitutional Change #8.
- Jessica McCallum made a motion to move agenda items to Plenary IV to effectively use the business time.
 - No second
- Becky Montes de Oca made a motion to recess for 20 minutes before starting more business.
 - LYO 07.28.2009.9 -- Convention voted to defeat the motion to recess for 20 minutes
- Motion made by Emily Isensee to end Plenary IV at 10:35
 - LYO 07.28.2009.10 -- Convention voted to accept the motion to end the business session early.
- Introduction to Freedom Schools (Rev. Beverly Wallace and Rev. Larry Clark)
- Break at 10:45 am until 1:00 pm

Plenary V - July 28, 2009 7:00 - 9:00 pm

- Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm
- Report from the Credentials Committee
 - 191 Participants are registered, 107 is needed for a quorum. A quorum is met.
- Resolution 1: Don't Bottle It Up!
 - LYO 07.28.2009.11 -- Convention voted to end debate on Resolution 1: Don't Bottle It Up!
 - LYO 07.28.2009.12 -- Convention voted to adopt Resolution 1: Don't Bottle It Up!
- Resolution 2: Servanthood in the Community
 - Motion made to amend the first resolved to include "LYO" and "Synod" (**RESOLVED, that the BLYO and LYO make it a point to encourage servant opportunities in every region and synod...**)
 - LYO 07.28.2009.13 -- Convention voted to end debate on the amendment to Resolution 2: Servanthood in the Community
 - LYO 07.28.2009.14 -- Convention voted to accept the amendment to Resolution 2: Servanthood in the Community
 - Motion made to amend the amendment to say "synod LYOs" (**RESOLVED, that the BLYO and synod LYOs make it a point to encourage servant opportunities in every region and synod...**)
 - LYO 07.28.2009.15 -- Convention voted to defeat the secondary amendment to Resolution 2: Servanthood in the

Community

- Motion made to add "2009 LYO Convention" and strike "BLYO and LYO make it a point to" (**RESOLVED, that the ~~BLYO and LYO~~ make it a point to 2009 LYO Convention encourages servant opportunities in every synod...**)
 - LYO 07.28.2009.16 -- Convention voted to accept the amendment to Resolution 2: Servanthood in the Community
- Motion made to move to resolution to committee for further revision
 - LYO 07.28.2009.17 -- Convention voted to move the resolution to committee for further revision
- Resolution 4: Restructuring Committee
 - LYO 07.28.2009.18 -- Convention voted to adopt Resolution 4: Restructuring Committee

Plenary V - July 29, 2009 1:00 - 3:00 pm

- Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm
- Report from the Credentials Committee
 - 192 registered delegates present. Quorum is met
- Instructions on election process and speeches by Chris Whitaker
 - Prayer led by Emily Isensee
- Election speeches
 - (President) Nicolette Faison - Elmont, New York
 - (President) Adrianna Gentile - Trenton, New Jersey
 - (President) Brittani Lamb - St. Peter, Minnesota
 - (President) Samuel Vietor - Hudson, Wisconsin
 - (Vice President) Elizabeth Hawkins - Murfreesboro, Tennessee
 - (Vice President) Kailey Peck - Arlington, Texas
 - (Vice President) Randi Phelps - Butte, Montana
 - (Vice President) Anthony (AJ) Rogers - Easton, Pennsylvania
 - (Vice President) Drew Spiller - Encinitas, California
 - (Vice President) Matt Wertman - Waynesboro, Virginia
 - (Secretary) Jeanette de Veer - New Orleans, LA
 - (Secretary) Hannah Knauss - Martinsburg, Pennsylvania
 - (Secretary) Abby Pautz - Strongsville, Ohio
 - (Secretary) Jessica Smith - Blue Bell, Pennsylvania
- Member - At - Large nominees
 - (Region 1) Anna McCracken - Spanaway, Washington
 - (Region 2) Courtney Bassler - Van Nuys, California
 - (Region 2) Paul Larson - Roseville, California
 - (Region 2) Amy Ruben - Simi Valley, California
 - (Region 2) Chris Garcia - Santee, California
 - (Region 3) Thomas Rockis - Roseau, Minnesota
 - (Region 3) Becca Schoneman - Wahpeton, North Dakota
 - (Region 3) Amanda Bennes - Bismarck, North Dakota
 - (Region 3) Philip Dyauli - Roseville, Minnesota
 - (Region 3) Holly Jean Marsh - Roseville, Minnesota
 - (Region 3) Dillon Mountain - Minneapolis, Minnesota

- (Region 3) Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj - St. Paul, Minnesota
- (Region 4) Margaret de Veer - Chalmette, Louisiana
- (Region 4) Kathryn Jeanelle Lys - College Station, Texas
- (Region 4) Madeline Schneider - Katy, Texas
- (Region 5) Kalie Alberts - Ashkum, Illinois
- (Region 5) Elise Hynek - La Crosse, Wisconsin
- (Region 5) Matt Schopp - Pontiac, Illinois
- (Region 5) Apu Seyenkulo - Chicago, Illinois
- (Region 6) Beth Allen - Fairfield, Ohio
- (Region 6) Cogan Blackmon - Anderson, Indiana
- (Region 6) Emily Bishop - Westlake, Ohio
- (Region 7) Jillian Foster - Rushville, NY
- (Region 7) Angela Bonillo - Bedford, New Hampshire
- (Region 7) Lorrان DaCosta - Wayne, PA
- (Region 7) Hephzibah Peter Penumaka - Floral Park, NY
- (Region 7) Ashley Smoots - Newtown, PA
- (Region 7) Kelly Wallace - Easton, PA
- (Region 8) Molly Crouser - Lancaster, PA
- (Region 8) Marisa Hunt - Dillsburg, PA
- (Region 9) Elizabeth Ann Norris - Lenoir, NC
- (Region 9) Preston Jutte - Franklin, Tennessee
- First ballot (see appendix A for election results)
- Resolution 2: (Revised by the author) Servanthood in the Community
 - LYO 07.29.2009.19 -- Convention voted to adopt Resolution 2: Servanthood in the Community
- Resolution 5: Gender-Specific MAC Membership on BLYO
 - Motion made to amend the first RESOLVED to strike "two" and "with one male MAC representative and one female MAC representative" and insert "one" (RESOLVED that the LYO establish ~~two~~ **one** new full board member positions on the BLYO that are to be filled ~~with one male MAC representative and one female MAC representative...~~)
 - Motion made to amend the amendment by striking "establish two new full board member positions" and adding "replace the current liaison position with two gender specific liaison positions" ((RESOLVED that the LYO replace the current liaison position with two gender specific liaison positions ~~establish two~~ **one** new full board member positions on the BLYO that are to be filled with one male MAC representative and one female MAC representative...))
 - LYO 07.29.2009.20 -- Convention voted to end debate on the secondary amendment to Resolution 5: Gender-Specific MAC Membership on BLYO
 - LYO 07.29.2009.21 -- Convention voted to defeat the secondary amendment to Resolution 5: Gender-Specific MAC Membership on BLYO
 - First motion (RESOLVED that the LYO establish ~~two~~ **one** new full board member positions on the BLYO that are to be filled ~~with one male MAC representative and one female MAC representative...~~) brought to table.
 - LYO 07.29.2009.22 -- Convention voted to end debate on

- (Vice President) AJ Rogers
- (Vice President) Drew Spiller
- (Vice President) Matt Wertman
- (Secretary) Hannah Knauss
- (Secretary) Abby Pautz
- (Region 2) Courtney Bassler
- (Region 2) Paul Larson
- (Region 3) Amanda Bennes
- (Region 3) Philip Dyauli
- (Region 3) Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj
- (Region 4) Nicolas Conover
- (Region 4) Margaret de Veer
- (Region 5) Kalie Alberts
- (Region 5) Apu Seyenkulo
- (Region 6) Emily Bishop
- (Region 6) Cogan Blakmon
- (Region 7) Angela Bonfiglio
- (Region 7) Jillian Foster
- (Region 7) Ashley Smoots
- Resolution 6: Greener, Environmentally Friendly Options
 - Motion made to limit debate to 15 minutes
 - LYO 07.29.2009.30 -- Convention votes to limit debate on Resolution 6: Greener, Environmentally Friendly Options to 15 minutes.
 - Motion made to end debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.31 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 6: Greener, Environmentally Friendly Options
 - LYO 07.29.2009.32 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 6: Greener, Environmentally Friendly Options
- Resolution 7: Darfur
 - Motion made to end debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.33 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 7: Darfur
 - LYO 07.29.2009.34 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 7: Darfur
- Resolution 8: Youth Vote in Church Council
 - No discussion or debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.35 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 8: Youth Vote in Church Council
- Resolution 9: Poverty in the United States
 - Motion made to move the previous question
 - LYO 07.29.2009.36 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 9: Poverty in the United States
 - LYO 07.29.2009.37 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 9: Poverty in the United States
- Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grades 9 and 12 and/or Age 14
 - Motion made to amend first RESOLVED to add "9 and" and "and/or ages 14 and 18" (RESOLVED that the LYO Restructuring Committee reconsider the proposed age and grade requirements, specifically the inclusion of

- students entering grades 9 and 12 and/or ages 18 and 14.)
 - Motion made to end debate
 - ★ LYO 07.29.2009.38 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grade 12
 - LYO 07.29.2009.39 -- Convention votes to defeat the amendment
 - Motion made to add "9 and" and "and/or age 14" (RESOLVED that the LYO Restructuring Committee reconsider the proposed age and grade requirements, specifically the inclusion of students entering grades 9 and 12 and/or age 14.)
 - Motion made to move to previous question
 - ★ LYO 07.29.2009.40 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grade 12
 - LYO 07.29.2009.41 -- Convention votes to adopt the amendment to Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grades 9 and 12 and/or age 14
 - Motion made to amend title by adding "grades 9 and" and "and/or age 14" (RESOLUTION 10: INCLUDING STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9 AND 12 AND/OR AGE 14)
 - Motion made to end debate
 - ★ LYO 07.29.2009.42-- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grades 9 and 12 and/or age 14
 - LYO 07.29.2009.43 -- Convention votes to adopt amendment to Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grades 9 and 12 and/or age 14
 - Motion made to limit debate on this resolution to five minutes, and to limit debate on all other resolutions to fifteen minutes.
 - LYO 07.29.2009.44 -- Convention votes to limit debate to 5 minutes for Resolution 10: Including Students Entering 9 and 12
 - Motion made to end debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.45 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 10: Including Students Entering Grades 9 and 12 and/or Age 14
 - LYO 07.29.2009.46 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 10: Including Students Entering 9 and 12
- Third Ballot (see Appendix C for election results)
 - (Vice President) Drew Spiller
 - (Vice President) Matt Wertman
 - (Region 3) Amanda Bennes
 - (Region 3) Philip Dyauli
 - (Region 7) Angela Bonfiglio
 - (Region 7) Jillian Foster
 - (Region 7) Ashley Smoots

- Motion made to take Resolution 5 off the table
 - LYO 07.29.2009.47 -- Convention votes to defeat motion to take Resolution 5 off the table
- Motion made to add more time to Plenary VIII
 - LYO 07.29.2009.48 -- Convention votes to defeat motion to add more time to Plenary VIII
- Resolution 12: Resolution for the Intentional and Full Inclusion of LGBTQ People in All ELCA Congregations
 - Motion made to end debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.49 -- Convention votes to end debate on Resolution 12: Resolution for the Intentional and Full Inclusion of LGBTQ People in All ELCA Congregations
 - LYO 07.29.2009.50 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 12: Resolution for the Intentional and Full Inclusion of LGBTQ People in All ELCA Congregations
- Resolution 13: Multicultural and Definitely-Abled Synodical Membership
 - No discussion or debate
- LYO 07.29.2009.51 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 13: Multicultural and Definitely-Abled Synodical Membership
- Resolution 14: LYO-Churchwide Relations
 - No discussion or debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.52 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 14: LYO-Churchwide Relations
- Fourth Ballot (See Appendix D for election results)
 - (Region 7) Jillian Foster
 - (Region 7) Ashley Smoots
- Resolution 15: Adoption of the Proposed Social Statement and Ministry Recommendations
 - No discussion or debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.53 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 15: Adoption of the Proposed Social Statement and Ministry Recommendations
- Resolution 16: Continuing Study and Discernment of the LYO
 - No discussion or debate
- LYO 07.29.2009.54 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 16: Continuing Study and Discernment of the LYO
- Resolution 3: A Resolution to Address Issues Facing the Youth of Our Generation
 - No discussion or debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.55 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 3: A Resolution to Address Issues Facing the Youth of Our Generation
- Resolution 11: We're the Youth, We Can Be Loud!
 - No discussion or debate
 - LYO 07.29.2009.56 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 11: We're the Youth, We Can Be Loud!
- Resolution 18: Forming Youth for Active Human Rights Awareness
 - Some discussion
- Announcement of newly elected LYO Board members 2009-2012:
 - President: Nicolette Faison
 - Vice President: Matt Wertman

- Secretary: Hannah Knauss
- Member at Large from Region 1: Anna McCracken
- Member at Large from Region 2: Paul Larson
- Member at Large from Region 3: Amanda Bennes
- Member at Large from Region 4: Nicolas Conover
- Member at Large from Region 5: Apu Seyenkulo
- Member at Large from Region 6: Cogan Blakmon
- Member at Large from Region 7: Jillian Foster
- Member at Large from Region 8: Molly Crouser
- Member at Large from Region 9: Preston Jutte
- Close in prayer by Shauna Mennis
- Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Plenary VIII - July 30, 2009 9:00 am

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 am
- Report from the Credentials Committee
- Quorum is met
- Resolution 18: Forming Youth for Active Human Rights Awareness
- Motion made to move the resolution to the BLYO
 - **LYO 07.29.2009.57 -- Convention votes to move Resolution 18: Forming Youth for Active Human Rights Awareness to the BLYO**
- Resolution 19: Resolution for Support for Victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita
- No discussion or debate
- **LYO 07.29.2009.58 -- Convention votes to adopt Resolution 19: Resolution for Support for Victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita**
- Motion made to remove resolution 5 from the table
 - **LYO 07.29.2009.59 -- Convention votes to remove Resolution 5: Gender-Specific MAC Membership on BLYO from the table**
- Resolution 5: Gender- Specific MAC Membership on BLYO
- Motion made to refer resolution to the BLYO
 - **LYO 07.29.2009.60 -- Convention votes to refer Resolution 5: Gender- Specific MAC Membership on BLYO to the BLYO**
- Announcements
- Convention adjourned
- Close in prayer by Jessica McCallum

*Respectfully submitted,
Meaghan Dorn, 2006-2009 BLYO Secretary*

APPENDIX A: First ballot election results

(Those elected with a majority vote are highlighted in yellow.)

	Ballot 1			
	Total	Percentag		Total ballots
	Votes	e		received
President				201
Nicolette Faison	65	32.34%	*	
Adrianna Gentile	27	13.43%		
Brittani Lamb	39	19.40%		
Samuel Vietor	70	34.83%	*	
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Vice President				
Elizabeth Hawkins	16	7.96%		
Kailey Peck	20	9.95%		
Randi Phelps	31	15.42%		
AJ Rogers	38	18.91%	*	
Drew Spiller	34	16.92%	*	
Matt Wertman	61	30.35%	*	
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Secretary				
Jeanette de Veer	20	9.95%		
Hannah Knauss	72	35.82%	*	
Abby Pautz	63	31.34%	*	
Jessica Smith	45	22.39%		
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Region 1				
Anna McCracken	196	97.51%	*	
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Region 2				
Courtney Bassler	58	28.86%	*	
Chris Garcia	31	15.42%		
Paul Larson	77	38.31%	*	
Amy Ruben	31	15.42%		
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Region 3				
Amanda Bennes	74	36.82%	*	
Philip Dyauli	29	14.43%	*	
Holly Jean March	21	10.45%		
Dillon Mountain	10	4.98%		
Tommy Rockis	20	9.95%		
Becca Schoneman	15	7.46%		
Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj	27	13.43%	*	
	.			
Region 4				
Nicolas Conover	65	32.34%	*	
Margaret de Veer	61	30.35%	*	
Kathryn Jeanelle Lys	18	8.96%		
Madeline Schneider	46	22.89%		

Region 5	.	.	
Kalie Alberts	40	19.90%	*
Elise Hynek	34	16.92%	
Matt Schopp	29	14.43%	
Apu Seyenkulo	94	46.77%	*
Region 6	.	.	
Beth Allen	29	14.43%	
Emily Bishop	68	33.83%	*
Cogan Blakmon	98	48.76%	*
Region 7	.	.	
Angela Bonfiglio	32	15.92%	*
Lorran Dacosta	30	14.93%	
Jillian Foster	42	20.90%	*
Hephzibah Peter			
Penumaka	29	14.43%	
Ashley Smoots	35	17.41%	*
Kelly Wallace	3	1.49%	
Region 8	.	.	
Molly Crouser	107	53.23%	*
Marisa Hunt	87	43.28%	
Region 9	.	.	
Preston Jutte	106	52.74%	*
Elizabeth Norris	91	45.27%	

APPENDIX B: Second ballot election results

(Those elected with a majority vote are highlighted in yellow.)

	Ballot 2			Total ballots received
President	Total Votes	Percentage		193
Nicolette Faison	103	53.37%	*	
Samuel Vietor	90	46.63%		
Vice President				
AJ Rogers	51	26.42%		
Drew Spiller	52	26.94%	*	
Matt Wertman	89	46.11%	*	
Secretary				
Hannah Knauss	99	51.30%	*	
Abby Pautz	92	47.67%		
Region 2				
Courtney Bassler	75	38.86%		
Paul Larson	110	56.99%	*	
Region 3				
Amanda Bennes	95	49.22%	*	
Philip Dyauli	50	25.91%	*	
Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj	42	21.76%		
Region 4				
Nicolas Conover	107	55.44%	*	
Margaret de Veer	81	41.97%		
Region 5				
Kalie Alberts	65	33.68%		
Apu Seyenkulo	127	65.80%	*	
Region 6				
Emily Bishop	68	35.23%		
Cogan Blakmon	122	63.21%	*	
Region 7				
Angela Bonfiglio	57	29.53%	*	
Jillian Foster	73	37.82%	*	
Ashley Smoots	57	29.53%	*	

APPENDIX C: Third ballot election results

(Those elected with a majority vote are highlighted in yellow.)

	Ballot 3		Total ballots received	195
	Total Votes	Percentage		
Vice President				
Drew Spiller	71	36.41%		
Matt Wertman	123	63.08%		
Region 3				
Amanda Bennes	120	61.54%		
Philip Dyauli	74	37.95%		
Region 7				
Angela Bonfiglio	50	25.64%		
Jillian Foster	78	40.00%	*	
Ashley Smoots	64	32.82%	*	

APPENDIX D: Fourth ballot election results

(Those elected with a majority vote are highlighted in yellow.)

	Ballot 3		Total ballots received	194
	Total Votes	Percentage		
Region 7				
Jillian Foster	105	54.12%		
Ashley Smoots	90	46.39%		

APPENDIX E: RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE 2009 LYO CONVENTION

(listed in order they were considered by Convention)

RESOLUTION 1: DON'T BOTTLE IT UP!

WHEREAS, throughout Scripture, water is clearly seen as a gift from God for all creation - “*When the poor and needy seek water, I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.*” (Isaiah 41:17-18); and,

WHEREAS, bottled water creates more trash and uses more energy than a re-useable bottle refilled from the tap. Disposable plastic bottles fill our landfills and take up to 1000 years to biodegrade. They also require substantial energy to manufacture, fill and transport. The majority of the energy used comes from fossil fuels like oil and coal, which emit carbon dioxide and are a primary cause of global warming [SOURCES: Earth Policy Institute, “Pouring Resources Down the Drain” (2006); Natural Resources Defense Council, “Bottled Water: Pure Drink or Pure Hype?” (1999)]; and,

WHEREAS, tap water in the United States is generally clean and safe. The United States has water systems to provide safe tap water, which is subject to dozens of state and federal regulations and testing requirements. Testing standards for bottled water are much less strict; and,

WHEREAS, from a financial stewardship perspective, bottled water as a regular source of water can be seen as a luxury. Bottled water can cost as much as \$10 per gallon—much more than a gallon of gasoline. A 2006 report found that globally we spend \$100 billion on bottled water; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Synod’s Youth Ministry Mission Team created a Pledge campaign, “Don’t Bottle It Up!”, calling on individuals, families, groups and congregations to...“Pledge to reduce my/our use of bottled water, which means: opting for public tap water over bottled water; and advocating for healthy, strong water systems both locally and globally,” therefore be it

RESOLVED that convention delegates, their congregations, and their synods prayerfully consider taking the “Don’t Bottle It Up!” Pledge and actively find ways to abide by it, including bringing action before synod assemblies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that youth voting members attending the 2011 Churchwide Assembly and their synods take action to bring the “Don’t Bottle It Up!” Pledge before the assembly as a memorial.

Submitted by Adrianna Gentile, New Jersey Synod (7A)

Amanda Gebhart, New Jersey Synod (7A)

RESOLUTION 2: SERVANTHOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the LYO constitution in chapter 2.01.h calls for “opportunities for study and action on global issues from a theological perspective,” and

WHEREAS, as Lutherans we are servants of the Lord, and

WHEREAS, as servants we spread God’s grace throughout the community, including through servanthood projects, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2009 LYO Convention encourages servant opportunities in every synod, and be it further

RESOLVED, that these servanthood opportunities include but not be limited to disaster areas inside or outside of that local area in which the leadership conducting the servanthood project resides.

*Submitted by Daniel Potaznick, Metro New York (7C)
Nicolette Faison, Metro New York (7C)
Jillian Foster, Upstate New York (7D)*

RESOLUTION 4: RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS the 2006 convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization passed resolution number 6 entitled “A resolution to study the mission and structure of the LYO” (Section 5, page 38 in delegate handbook), and

WHEREAS the Study Process Committee has presented their findings to the LYO, and

WHEREAS the BLYO and Study Process Committee deem it appropriate to move forward with this work, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Restructuring Committee will work with the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization to complete this process by developing and assisting in the implementation of all recommended and approved changes.

Submitted by the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization

RESOLUTION 6: GREENER, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY OPTIONS

WHEREAS we are all called to be good stewards of what God has provided; and

WHEREAS the Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Convention uses mass amounts of paper; and

WHEREAS many people own and use electronics suitable for the passing of information; therefore be it

RESOLVED that at future conventions all materials normally placed in binders be available online or in some electronic format, and let it be further

RESOLVED that the BLYO prayerfully consider setting up a sub-committee focused on creating greener, more environmentally friendly options, and be it further

RESOLVED that at future conventions people have the option not to have a binder, and be allowed to bring laptops, etc. to view documents.

*Submitted by Brittani Lamb, Southwestern Minnesota Synod (3F)
Micayla Irmiter, Southwestern Minnesota (3F)*

RESOLUTION 7: DARFUR

WHEREAS, in John 13:34, Jesus Christ stated "...Love one another: as I have loved you, that you also love one another," and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states in the first article: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood," and

WHEREAS, the respected "Save Darfur Campaign" states: "The Sudanese government's genocidal, scorched earth campaign has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives through direct violence, disease and starvation, and continues to destabilize the region," and

WHEREAS, millions have fled their homes and live in dangerous camps in Darfur, and hundreds of thousands are refugees in neighboring Chad; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the youth of the Eighth Triennial Convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization support a peaceful end to the violent acts in Darfur, encourage all members of the ELCA to study this human rights issue, and encourage our church and government to act prayerfully and justly for the people of Darfur.

*Submitted by Lynn Wistrom, Northeastern Minnesota (3E)
Callie Nestleroth, Metro DC (8G)
Becca Rudquist, (3E)
Holly Marsh, Saint Paul Area (3H)
Katie Baugh, Metro DC (8G)
Jesse Swatling-Holcomb, Sierra Pacific (2A)*

RESOLUTION 8: YOUTH VOTE IN CHURCH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Members of the ELCA Church Council are full advisory members with voice on all matters, and are invited to every meeting of the Council to represent and advocate for the youth of this church, and;

WHEREAS, it has been common practice to invite these advisory members to the Churchwide Assembly in the past to serve as resource persons with voice in accordance with their position and expertise, and;

WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Members were not invited by the Office of the Secretary to attend the 2009 Churchwide Assembly in Minneapolis as resource persons, and;

WHEREAS, if these Advisory Members did attend the Assembly they would be seated as visitors with no voice or vote, and would receive no financial reimbursement for any of their expenses, and;

WHEREAS, youth voice is highly valued in the ELCA to initiate positive changes and youth and young adults are encouraged to be involved in church issues, and

WHEREAS, the recent National Youth Gathering held in New Orleans, LA promoted youth intervention in national and international issues, and

WHEREAS, traditionally youth have been full partners in ministry to offer unique perspectives and ideas, and often possess some of the most comprehensive knowledge pertaining to the ELCA, be it

RESOLVED that the 2009 Lutheran Youth Organization Convention expresses its disappointment with the decision of the Office of the Secretary that the male and female youth representatives for the

ELCA Church Council not be invited as resource persons to the Churchwide Assembly, and be it further;

RESOLVED that this Convention requests that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Office of the Secretary and the ELCA Church Council.

*Submitted by Emma Northcott, Sierra Pacific Synod (2A)
Kyle Teague, Sierra Pacific Synod (2A)*

RESOLUTION 9: POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, 58.5% of Americans between the ages of 25 and 75 will spend at least one year below the poverty line at some point in their life,¹ and

WHEREAS, the United States has the ability to mitigate the effects of extreme poverty within its borders, and

WHEREAS, the LYO should strive to educate people on the issues of poverty in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the LYO has and will continue to work for the ending of poverty in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Lord commands his disciples to help those living in poverty. "...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 24:40, NRSV), therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the BLYO, synodical LYO boards or like organizations, and all members of the LYO will work to raise awareness and to advocate for the issues of poverty in the United States.

*Submitted by Patrick Keough, New England (7B)
Amanda Claussen, New England (7B)
Elias Carter, New England (7B)
Kaylin Aponte, Southwestern Washington (1C)
Anna McCracken, Southwestern Washington (1C)*

¹Hacker, J. S. (2006). *The great risk shift: The new insecurity and the decline of the American dream*. New York: Oxford University Press (USA).

RESOLUTION 10: INCLUDING STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9 AND 12 AND/OR AGE 14

WHEREAS the Document "A Future Vision for the LYO Restructuring" proposes that the age requirement be 15-17 AND entering grades 10-11, and

WHEREAS people entering 10th grade may not feel as prepared for as great of a responsibility as BLYO membership, and

WHEREAS students entering 12th grade are still part of the Lutheran youth body, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LYO Restructuring Committee reconsider the proposed age and grade requirements, specifically the inclusion of students entering grade 9 and 12 and/or age 14.

*Submitted by Dan Potaznick, Metro New York (7C)
Anthony Rogers, Northeastern Pennsylvania (7E)
Nicolette Faison, Metro New York (7C)*

RESOLUTION 12: RESOLUTION FOR THE INTENTIONAL AND FULL INCLUSION OF LGBTQ PEOPLE IN ALL ELCA CONGREGATIONS

WHEREAS, the LYO constitution states in section 2.01.j, that the purpose/function of the Lutheran Youth Organization is to, “Actively seek and encourage membership from all people, regardless of culture, color, heritage, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or ability,” and

WHEREAS, Romans 15:7 states, “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God,” therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Youth Organization encourages all ELCA congregations to prayerfully consider including an intentional welcome to all LGBTQ people into full participation in the church by including a welcoming statement in their mission statement or other church documents.

*Submitted by Alyssa Schmeling, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Karli Dahl, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Alex Schumacher, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Aaron Schendel, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Haley Robbins, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)*

RESOLUTION 13: MULTICULTURAL AND DEFINITELY-ABLED SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS the BLYO makes provision for multicultural and definitely-abled youth representatives to have voice and vote on the BLYO, and

WHEREAS Synods are encouraged to be intentional and inclusive of all brothers and sisters in Christ, and

WHEREAS the ELCA values and supports the voice and opinion of definitely-abled and multicultural youth in our church, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the 2009 LYO Convention strongly recommend that synod LYO structures or like organizations make provisions for intentional multicultural and definitely-abled representatives to have full voice and vote in synod youth leadership positions, as equal partners in ministry.

*Submitted by Sam Weston, Southwestern Minnesota (3F)
Jesse Swatling-Holcomb, Sierra Pacific (2A)*

RESOLUTION 14: LYO-CHURCHWIDE RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the purpose statement of the Vocation and Education Unit “The purpose of the Vocation and Education Unit is to equip people for their callings by developing and supporting leaders—from the Gospel, through the ELCA, for the world.” (Delegate Handbook Section 2, Page 29), and

WHEREAS, the current system of review and oversight of the Lutheran Youth Organization’s actions by the Vocation and Education Unit hinders the actual decision making power of the Lutheran Youth Organization, and

WHEREAS, an important piece of leadership development is for young people to make their own decisions and the Lutheran Youth Organization is the main ministry for raising up youth leaders, and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Youth Organization has traditionally given young people voice and options for changes as evidenced by Chapter 2.01.c and 2.01.d (“C. Assure that the voice of the youth is heard in the various areas of decision-making in the church. D. Enable youth to grow as stewards in the church.”); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Youth Organization strongly encourages the Vocation and Education Executive Director to work in conjunction with the VE Program Committee to reevaluate how young leaders can have active roles in the decision making process.

*Submitted by Ashley Acken, Lower Susquehanna (8D)
Elizabeth Canning, Lower Susquehanna (8D)*

RESOLUTION 15: ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT AND MINISTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be considering a proposed social statement on Human Sexuality and the proposed Ministry Recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the LYO has delegates who are also voting members at the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and

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

WHEREAS, the 2003 LYO convention resolved that, “The Lutheran Youth Organization supports the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of non-celibate individuals in committed relationships of all sexual orientations,” therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the LYO support the adoption of the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and the proposed Ministry Recommendations through a letter from the BLYO to the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Secretary of the ELCA, Executive Director of the Vocation and Education Unit of the ELCA, Vice President of the ELCA, and the Executive Director of the Church and Society Unit of the ELCA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that LYO Convention delegates who are also voting members of the Churchwide Assembly are encouraged to share the contents of this resolution from the LYO relating to the two documents to the voting members of the Churchwide Assembly.

Submitted by Alyssa Schmeling, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Karli Dahl, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Alex Schumacher, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Aaron Schendel, Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)
Haley Robbins, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)

RESOLUTION 16: CONTINUING STUDY AND DISCERNMENT OF THE LYO

WHEREAS, in 2.01.f of the Constitution of the LYO, the board is committed to “Engage in research of trends, problems, and issues which affect youth and youth ministry...” and to take action accordingly; and

WHEREAS, social change within the youth participants of LYO is continuous and therefore requires constant study; and

WHEREAS, the LYO Study Process Committee is currently ad-hoc and plans to disband upon the completion of the plan for restructuring LYO; and

WHEREAS, by continuously observing ongoing programs and the reactions of Lutheran youth to programs (whether national or synod-wide), the BLYO can benefit as the highest level of youth representation in the ELCA; and

WHEREAS, by continuing study, the BLYO as well as adult advisors can be more informed as to the attitude of youth on a national scale; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that a standing committee should exist to continue the work of the current Study Process Committee, including (but not limited to):

- 1) Administering annual surveys to synods for each synod to complete regarding the relationship of the synod to the BLYO**
- 2) Inquiries into the active v. less active synod LYOs, including possible causes, effects, and solutions, and how to increase participation as a whole**
- 3) Working to increase the information available about the BLYO to confused and/or curious youth; and, be it further,**

RESOLVED, that a Study Committee remain intact throughout the restructuring of LYO to evaluate changes as they happen; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, the committee should communicate on a Synodical level to receive and analyze feedback.

Submitted by Abby Pautz, Northeastern Ohio (6E)
Beth Allen, Southern Ohio (6F)
Allison Sears, Southern Ohio (6F)
Carolyn May, Northeastern Ohio (6E)
Emily Bishop, Northeastern Ohio (6E)
Hannah Knauss, Allegheny (8C)

RESOLUTION 3: A RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS ISSUES FACING THE YOUTH OF OUR GENERATION

WHEREAS, the media and social pressures encourage unhealthy behaviors such as sex, and drug and alcohol abuse, and

WHEREAS, the church has not always been seen as an open and non-judgmental environment for youth to confide in, and

WHEREAS, young people have turned away from the church because they have not felt welcomed, and

WHEREAS, youth involvement in the church has shown positive influence on the decisions that young people make; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Lutheran Youth Organization Convention encourages congregations in the ELCA to provide a safe place where young people can engage in open conversations about unhealthy behaviors, and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations provide individuals who are open to having these conversations, which help youth deal with stressful and unhealthy situations.

*Submitted by Jonathan Sanchez, South Carolina Synod (9C)
Jessica Smith, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (7F)
Luke Snustad, Eastern North Dakota Synod (3B)
Nicolette Faison, Metro New York (7C)*

RESOLUTION 11: WE'RE THE YOUTH, WE CAN BE LOUD!

WHEREAS, youth are the future of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America; and,

WHEREAS, LYO board members and synod youth representatives have been lifted up into positions of leadership; and,

WHEREAS, scripture states “*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*” (1 Timothy 4:12 NRSV); and,

WHEREAS, youth bring a new visionary perspective to church gatherings and assemblies; and,

WHEREAS, some synod LYO boards and youth representatives have managed to gain voice and/or vote in their Synod Assemblies; and,

WHEREAS, the 2006 LYO Convention passed a resolution stating that “the LYO Convention strongly encourage congregations to increase youth representation at synod assemblies where youth are currently underrepresented” therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the 2009 LYO Convention implores synod LYO boards and other youth in positions of leadership to make a strong effort to attend their synod assemblies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that youth in attendance at synod assemblies involve themselves in the Assembly process and rally adult support to gain more respect and influence in their synods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that youth in attendance at synod assemblies attempt to make Constitutional or Bylaw changes in order to attain youth voice and/or vote in their synod assemblies.

Submitted by Christina Espegren, Sierra Pacific (2A)
Maurie Hamilton, Sierra Pacific (2A)
Jesse Swaltling-Holcomb, Sierra Pacific (2A)
Emma Northcott, Sierra Pacific (2A)
Molly Calhoun, Sierra Pacific (2A)
Kyle Teague, Sierra Pacific (2A)

RESOLUTION 19: RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA AND RITA

WHEREAS 37,000 ELCA youth traveled to New Orleans for the 2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering witnessing the destruction that Hurricane Katrina and Rita brought to the Gulf Coast of the United States, and

WHEREAS the 37,000 youth at the Youth Gathering listened to the stories of those affected and served in the city and surrounding areas of New Orleans, and

WHEREAS the LYO Convention convened in Mississippi, another state greatly affected by the hurricanes, and

WHEREAS many of those affected by Katrina and Rita are still living in severely damaged neighborhoods and deplorable conditions, and

WHEREAS nearly four years after the storm many victims still live in temporary housing, and

WHEREAS the victims of the storms are looking for hope and need to continue to improve their conditions and rebuild their lives, and

WHEREAS there are environmental issues such as the rapid destruction of wetlands that make areas in the Gulf Coast susceptible to more severe storms, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the BLYO find ways to continue to confront this issue for the victims and the environment on the national level, and be it further

RESOLVED that synod youth leaders encourage their synods to take action to bring justice to the victims of the hurricanes, and be in further

RESOLVED that the youth of the ELCA are continuously encouraged to share news of the injustice and need for help in these areas to their congregations and others.

Submitted by:
Angela Bonfiglio, New England Synod (7B)
Ingrid Wangaard-Tjornehoj, St. Paul Area Synod (3H)
Patrick Keough, New England Synod (7B)
Drew Spiller, Pacifica Synod (2C)

APPENDIX F: RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE 2009-2012 BOARD OF THE LYO

RESOLUTION 18: FORMING YOUTH FOR ACTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS COMMITTEE (YAHRAC)

WHEREAS, there is a need for awareness on conflicts involving human rights, and

WHEREAS, the current youth of the Eighth Triennial Convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization have expressed a concern for the people of Darfur and other distressed people, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the formation of the Youth for Active Human Rights Awareness Committee (YAHRAC) will work together to raise awareness in the ELCA on human rights issues. This committee will work to establish a website for awareness purposes, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the starting committee will consist of eight members, and at least one BLYO representative for networking purposes, who will be determined based on interest after voting on resolution. These positions will be available for election beginning at the next Convention of the LYO, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the committee will have the ability to request monetary support from the Vocation and Education Unit of the ELCA; however, it is not anticipated that this would happen in the near future.

*Submitted by Lynn Wistrom, Northeastern Minnesota (3E)
Callie Nestleroth, Metro DC (8G)
Becca Rudquist, Northeastern Minnesota (3E)
Holly Marsh, St. Paul Area (3H)
Katie Baugh, Metro DC (8G)
Jesse Swatling-Holcomb, Sierra Pacifica (2A)
Molly Calhoun, Sierra Pacifica (2A)*

RESOLUTION 5: GENDER-SPECIFIC MAC MEMBERSHIP ON BLYO

WHEREAS there is currently no gender-specific male and female representative positions for MAC members to fill on the BLYO, only the positions of chairperson and liaison, which are not gender-specific, which could result in two male or two female MAC members representing the entire committee, and

WHEREAS constitutional change number 7 in the "Constitutional and Bylaw Changes for 2009" requests that all members of DAC be full members of the BLYO, giving DAC a total of three full members on the BLYO, which would give DAC more full member representation on the BLYO than MAC, despite MAC being numerically larger group, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the LYO establish two new full board member positions on the BLYO that are to be filled with one male MAC representative and one female MAC representative, and be it further

RESOLVED that the MAC members who are to fill these new positions should be determined by MAC by any means that the committee deems proper, so long as the candidates meet the qualifications of being of the correct genders for the positions and being members of MAC who are not already full members of the BLYO.

*Submitted by Kelly Wallace, Northeast Pennsylvania (7E)
Anthony Mell, Northeast Pennsylvania (7E)*

APPENDIX G: LYO CONSTITUTIONAL AND BYLAW CHANGES ADOPTED BY CONVENTION

Proposed change # 1: General updating from DCM to VE

Reason for change: The churchwide organization of the ELCA was restructured shortly before the 2006 LYO Convention, but no changes were made to reflect this in the LYO Constitution itself. The LYO was moved to the Vocation and Education (VE) unit by recommendations from the previous Division for Congregational Ministries (DCM) Board (which included voice from the then current LYO President). The LYO Constitution should be updated to reflect this.

Actual proposed change detail:

1.02.01 – “The churchwide office for this organization shall be located within the churchwide office of the ~~Division for Congregational Ministries~~ Vocation and Education unit of the ELCA.”

1.03.01 - “~~The headquarters for this youth organization shall be location within the headquarters of the Division for Congregational Ministries of the ELCA.~~”

3.02 – “Policies and actions of the Lutheran Youth Organization shall be subject to review by the ~~Board for Division for Congregational Ministries~~ Vocation and Education unit, hereinafter referred to as ~~the DCM board~~ VE.”

3.03 – “All budget requests shall be submitted through the ~~Division for Congregational Ministries~~, Vocation and Education unit hereafter referred to as ~~DCM~~ VE.”

6.21.11.d. – “Submit reports to the triennial convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization, ~~the DCM board~~, VE executive director, and through ~~that board~~ the VE executive director the Church Council of the ELCA and the ELCA churchwide assembly.”

6.41.e. – “In consultation with ~~the DCM~~ VE, establish any administrative structure necessary to carry on the work of the Lutheran Youth Organization;”

6.41.k. – “Prepare a budget request for transmittal to the Church Council through ~~the DCM board~~ VE.”

10.02 – “The board may obtain additional staff from ~~the DCM~~ VE in order to carry on the work of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”

10.03 – “The duties of the director and staff of the Lutheran Youth Organization shall be designated by the board in consultation with the executive director of ~~the DCM~~ VE and the director for youth ministries. The director and the staff of the Lutheran Youth Organization also provide staff service for the council, MAC and DAC.”

10.04 – “The board, in consultation with ~~the DCM board~~ VE, shall review the work of its director and staff and, for this purpose, require and receive reports from them and act on business proposed by them.”

11.01 – “This Lutheran Youth Organization shall be financed through ~~the Division for Congregational Ministries (DCM)~~ VE. All budget requests shall be submitted to ~~the DCM board~~ VE. This organization’s

fiscal year is in accordance with ~~the DCM~~ VE and the ELCA.”

15.01.b. – “Submit this proposed recommendation to ~~the DCM board~~ VE and the Synod Councils for study and reaction;”

15.01.c. – “Allow at least three (3), but no more than six (6) months to receive reactions and, after consideration, submit a final proposed recommendation to ~~the DCM board~~ VE and Synod Councils who shall be entitled to cast one vote on the recommendation by secret ballot.”

Proposed change #2: Updating language that refers to the Commission for Multicultural Ministries of the ELCA to the newer Multicultural Ministries unit.

Reason for change: During the ELCA churchwide organization restructuring, the Commission for Multicultural Ministries of the ELCA became the Multicultural Ministries unit. This change reflects this new structure through which the LYO, MAC in particular, has a connection.

Actual proposed change detail:

7.57.11.b. – “One liaison from the ~~Board of the Commission for Multicultural Ministries~~ unit of the ELCA churchwide organization.”

Proposed change # 3: Edits to be consistent with ELCA churchwide governance

Reason for change: Similar to the reasons stated above for proposed change #1, when the ELCA churchwide organization was restructured, it also underwent some changes in its governance. The division boards were eliminated and new unit program committees were created but with a very different role than the former division boards. In consultation with the new unit executive director, these changes are recommended in order to remain consistent with ELCA churchwide governance and practice since 2006.

Actual proposed change detail:

5.34.b. – “~~The liaison(s) to the board appointed by the DCM board.~~”

5.34.c. – “~~The chairperson of the DCM board or person appointed to represent him/her.~~”

5.34.e. – “The ~~DCM~~ VE executive director;”

Renumbering items under 5.34 as appropriate

6.21.11.d. – “Submit reports to the triennial convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization, ~~the DCM board, VE executive director, and through that board the VE executive director the Church Council of the ELCA and the ELCA churchwide assembly.~~”

6.21.11.h. – “Be a member of the board, ~~and advisory to the DCM board;~~”

6.32.b. – “The liaison(s) from the DCM board appointed by the DCM board chairperson.”

Renumbering items under 6.32 as appropriate.

Proposed Constitutional change #4: Making Church Council youth advisory members, MAC and DAC full voting members at LYO Convention

Reason for change: The ELCA Church Council youth advisory members are present at all LYO Board meetings and help with LYO Convention leadership. Inviting them to serve as full voting members of the Convention would be consistent with the role of all other Board members at Convention.

Because the LYO values a diverse decision-making body and because MAC members who don't serve on the board are also a part of the LYO churchwide leadership, they are also invited here to be voting members of the Convention. In fact, past Conventions have allowed this under 5.32.12.a.

Because all members of DAC are invited to serve on the board, proposed Constitutional change #6 is inviting to make a written provision for this actual practice, and DAC also is part of the churchwide LYO leadership community, they are here invited to serve as full voting members of the Convention too.

Actual proposed change detail:

5.32 – “The voting membership of the convention shall consist of: Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization, except the president (unless presiding, will vote in the event of a tie); Multicultural Advisory Committee, Definitely Abled Advisory Committee, Church Council youth advisory members, and delegates who represent their synods. Each synod shall be entitled to send the number of delegates set by the board for each convention for any special convention of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”

5.34.e. – “~~The Multicultural Advisory Committee members other than the representatives on the board;~~”

5.34.f. – “~~The Definitely Abled Advisory Committee members other than the representatives on the board;~~”

Renumbering items under 5.34 as appropriate

Proposed change # 5: Making language referring to constitutional amendments consistent and practical (recommended by David Swartling)

Reason for change: David Swartling, Secretary of the ELCA, recommends that the LYO Constitutional language be consistent in order to serve the organization with integrity and clear instructions on how important Constitutional changes are to be handled.

Actual proposed change detail:

16.02 – “This constitution may be amended at ~~the triennial~~ any convention of this organization by a two-thirds favorable vote of the registered delegates.”

16.03 – “The proposed amendment shall be presented in writing to the board president at least 90 days prior to the youth convention at which it is to be considered. At least two (2) months before the convention at which it is to be considered, it shall be ~~published in the official periodical of the church in two (2) consecutive issues~~ announced on the LYO web site and additional ELCA publications as appropriate, in the delegate handbook and the mailing to synod offices, synod presidents, delegates and advisors.”

16.12 – “The bylaws to this constitution may be amended at any convention of this organization by a two-thirds favorable vote of registered delegates.”

Proposed change #6: Fixing grammatical errors and making language consistent throughout the Constitutional document.

Reasons for change: self-explanatory

Actual proposed change detail:

3.11. – “The local congregations shall be grouped on a ~~territorial~~ geographical basis into Lutheran Youth Organizations.”

5.32 – “The voting membership of the convention shall consist of: Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization, except the president (unless presiding, will vote in the event of a tie); Multicultural Advisory Committee, Definitely Abled Advisory Committee, Church Council youth advisory members, and delegates who represent their synods. Each synod shall be entitled to send the number of delegates set by the board for each any convention ~~for any special convention~~ of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”

5.51.a – “Require and receive reports to review the work of the officers, board, Council of Synod LYO Presidents, hereinafter referred to as the council, Multicultural Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as MAC, Definitely Abled Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as DAC, ~~and the council~~, and act on recommendations proposed by them;”

5.51.c. – “Act on resolutions submitted by synods, members, congregations, or delegates to the convention.”

5.53.12. – “At least seven months prior to the convention, the board shall call for nominations through ~~a notice published in the official periodical of the church (and any other appropriate publication)~~ notices in ELCA churchwide publications as appropriate. A nomination form may then be obtained from the churchwide office of the Lutheran Youth Organization. Nomination forms shall also be sent to board and council members to be distributed to interested persons. The nomination forms shall request that individuals give biographical data and other information which will aid the nominating committee in its selection of candidates. Persons seeking nomination shall sign and send the completed nomination form to the proper address with its postmark no later than the date set by the board which will allow for a nomination slate to be included in the delegate handbook. The nominating committee shall then meet and select final candidates whose names will be placed on the ballot according to procedures established in this constitution. These nominations shall be included in the pre-convention report of the board.”

6.31.d. – “Two youth representatives from DAC ~~who are elected at DAYLE~~, one of which is the chairperson.”

Proposed change #7: Have all members of DAC serve as full members of the board.

Reason for change: Since the 2006 LYO Convention passed a resolution to invite all members of DAC to serve as full members of the board, this change would make Constitutional provision to solidify this actual practice.

Actual proposed change detail:

6.31. – “The board, consisting of ~~twenty (20)~~ twenty-one (21) voting members, shall be composed of;”

6.31.d. – “~~Two~~ Three youth representatives from DAC ~~who are elected at DAYLE~~, one of which is the chairperson.”

7.67.11.b. – “The secretary shall record and keep accurate minutes of all meetings of DAC; be responsible for all official correspondence of DAC, ~~and to~~ assist the chair in proposing the agenda for the DAC meeting, and be present at all LYO board meetings.”

14.02 – “Board members shall be age 15-18 and/or entering grades 10-12 at the time of their election to the board, with the possible exception of DAC chair, ~~or~~ liaison and/or secretary.”

Proposed change #8: Adding Church Council youth members to serve as full voting members of the LYO Board and at LYO Convention.

Reason for change: The ELCA Church Council youth advisory members are present at all LYO Board meetings and at all ELCA Church Council meetings. They do not get to vote in either of these groups. Inviting them to serve as full voting members of the board will provide them with a stronger decision-making role as they carry out their particular leadership roles.

Actual proposed change detail:

5.34.g. *[as amended after proposed change # 4, previously known as 5.34.i.]* ~~The Youth Advisory Members to the ELCA Church Council.~~

Re-number items under 5.34 as appropriate

6.31. – “The board, consisting of ~~twenty (20)~~ ~~twenty-one (21)~~ twenty-three (23) voting members, shall be composed of;”

6.31.e. – “Two youth advisory members to the ELCA Church Council, elected by the rest of the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”

~~6.32.a. “The youth advisory members of the ELCA Church Council, elected by the Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”~~

Re-numbering items under 6.32 as appropriate.

Proposed change #9: Filling board member vacancies

Reason for change: While the Constitution was very specific on how officer (President, Vice President, Secretary) positions are to be filled if a vacancy should occur, there was no written provision for other board member vacancies. This change will provide for a consistent way to deal with *any* board member vacancy.

Actual proposed change detail:

6.41.g. – “Fill vacancies occurring on the board: Should ~~an officer~~ a board member become unable or unwilling to fulfill his/her respective duties, the board shall be empowered to declare said office vacant and to appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term. Such a successor may be eligible for election to the same office at the next convention if he/she is within the proper guidelines established by this constitution. To choose a successor, the board shall use the following guidelines:”

6.41.g.5. – “The board shall fill the vacant position within six (6) months from the date when the position is declared vacant.”

Proposed change #10: Updating CSLYOPs participation with actual practice regarding synod adult advisors.

Reason for change: Because the LYO recognizes that synod LYO advisors, often through SYMBOL (Synodical Youth Ministry Band Of Leaders), is one of their strongest partners in ministry, this change will create an intentional way for adult advisors to be a stronger presence at the Council for Synod LYO Presidents meeting. Since fall 2003, it has been actual practice to invite one adult advisor from each synod.

Actual proposed change detail:

7.11 – “The council shall be composed of the board president and two synod presidents or elected youth representatives from each region of the ELCA. When financially feasible, the council shall be composed of each synod president or elected youth representative, as well as persons with disabilities and/or of color and/or whose primary language is other than English. There shall also be ~~two~~ one adult advisory members from each ~~of the nine regions~~ synod of the ELCA. Staff services for the council shall be provided through the staff of the Lutheran Youth Organization.”

Proposed change # 11: Allowing for differently structured synod organization representation at LYO Convention.

Reason for change: Because not every synod elects an LYO president, there needs to be a provision for synods to confidently send delegates at LYO Convention as it is more important that all synods are present at LYO Convention than it is who comes as their delegates.

Actual proposed change detail:

5.32.12.d. – “In instances where there is no elected synod organization president, synods may choose to send delegates as is representative and accountable to the youth of the synod.”

Proposed change #12: Deleting mandate for who needs to serve as the LYO Nominations Committee chair person.

Reason for change: It is unknown why the CSLYOPs chair(s) were intentionally named to serve as the chairperson(s) for the LYO Nominations Committee. There is no prescription like this for any other LYO Convention committee. This change allows for future LYO Nominations Committee chairperson to be selected based on gifts and skills of members within the committee instead.

Actual proposed change detail:

7.30.11.b. – “Preside over all meetings of the council ~~and act as chairperson of the nominating committee if serving during the year of the triennial convention.~~”

Proposed change # 13: Clarifying name of ELCA churchwide staff who relate to the LYO.

Reason for change: Because the LYO is one of the many ministries within ELCA youth ministry and churchwide staff titles and roles tend to shift year to year, this change allows for any youth ministry program staff to serve as advisory members to the LYO Convention as well as the Board of the LYO.

Actual proposed change detail:

5.34.a. – “The youth ministry program staff ~~for of the Lutheran Youth Organization~~ ELCA.”

6.32.d. – “The youth ministry program staff of the ~~Lutheran Youth Organization~~ ELCA.”

15.01. – “If in the event the depletion of economic resources prevents the board, council, MAC, DAC, triennial convention from meeting for an indefinite period of time, the board president shall appoint a committee of the board and the youth ministry program ~~executive~~ staff ~~to of the Lutheran Youth Organization~~ ELCA. The committee shall:”

Proposed Constitutional Change #14- Adding language to the constitution under the Member-At-Large position

Reason for change: Resolution #16 tabled at the 2006 LYO Convention and a resolution passed at the 2006 CSLYOPs called for semiannual communication and more regular contact, we wanted to include this language in the constitution.

Actual Proposed change detail:

6.60.11.a. Serve as a communication link and engage in conversation semiannually between the churchwide and synodical expressions of the Lutheran Youth Organization.