

Resolution SA23.01

Resolution to Encourage Development of Mission Partnership Support

“One Body Together in Mission”

WHEREAS:

The Central States Synod Constitution (+S6.03.2.) states *“In planning for, facilitating, and nurturing the mission of this church through congregations, the responsibilities of the synod...include developing new ministries, redevelopment of existing ministries, and support and assistance in the conclusion; if necessary, of a particular ministry”*;

AND WHEREAS:

In order to fulfill the constitutional mandate cited above (+S6.03.02), the Central States Synod Mission Table has primary oversight responsibility for developing new ministries and support for existing Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWC) and SAWCs under exploration including the following communities:

- Gathering Table; Kansas City, MO
- Iglesia Luterana Sagrado Corazon de Jesus – ELCA; Garden City, KS
- Partners Ministry; Wichita, KS
- South Sudanese Congregation; Saint Joseph, MO
- Delmar Loop SAWC Exploration; St. Louis, MO

AND WHEREAS:

The Holy Scriptures admonish us: *“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”* (I Corinthians 12:12). Thus, we are Church together; and again the Holy Scriptures remind us: *“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it”* (I Corinthians 12:26); and the Holy Scriptures promise us: *“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work”* (II Corinthians 9:8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The constituents of the Central States Synod seek to build up the Body of Christ through the development of ways to strengthen their participation in relationships with other mission partners across the synod to support and assist existing SAWCs, as well as other SAWC explorations. Possible ways to encourage the development of Mission Partnership Support could include the following:

- Remembering existing and exploratory SAWCs in congregational and individual prayers;
- Including SAWC developers in your own personal prayers;
- Contacting a specific SAWC and inquiring what their specific ministry needs are;
- Planning a mission trip to a SAWC to learn more about its ministry;
- Inviting a member from a SAWC to speak to your congregation in an effort to learn more about the SAWC’s mission;
- Joining with other individuals and congregations to provide financial support to a SAWC;
- Participating in a synod-wide mission support effort to raise additional mission support of the synod’s SAWCs; and
- Donating funds from Congregational Endowment Funds and Congregational Memorial Gifts to support the mission of SAWCs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The Central States Synod Mission Table will provide resources to congregations and others to assist them with the implementation of plans to develop and strengthen relationships with their mission partners.

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