

RESOLUTION: 01-01-09:

RE: OVERTURE 01-01-09

SUBJECT: TO UPDATE THE DISTRICT SUPPORT OF MISSIONS

WHEREAS, the 51st convention of the Texas District meeting in San Antonio adopted resolution 5-5-88: "To prioritize the use of the Synodical financial resources in favor of the seminaries", and

WHEREAS, the second resolved reads; *"That the Texas District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod work to increase its funding of the Synodical program from its present 43% of District Budget to 45%..."* (5-5-88) and,

WHEREAS, the continued population growth of Texas and the mission funding needed to reach out with the gospel to these new people renders the percentages in this resolved no longer applicable, and

WHEREAS, sixty-five percent (65%) of our current district budget supports synod and district missions, and

WHEREAS, our Lord has promised, ***"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"***(Luke 6:38), therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the relevant section of resolution 5-5-88 be rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to continually increase their support of the District/Synod Mission program, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Texas District in convention thank the members of the Board of Directors for their faithful service and encourage them to continue to balance Texas District mission opportunities with our national and international missions carried on by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rev. Gil Franke, Chairman

RESOLUTION 01-02-09

RE: OVERTURE 01-02-09

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL TO SUPPORT THE *FRONTERA* MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the Frontera ministry began in 2001 as a movement to create a vibrant Lutheran border ministry along the United States and Mexico border, and

WHEREAS, the mission statement was established as: "Frontera Ministries is a partnership in Christ that initiates and expands innovative Hispanic ministries that promote the planting of missions along the US - Mexican border, and in our Districts"; and

WHEREAS, the Texas, Rocky Mountain, and Pacific Southwest Districts have joined together to establish three Hispanic missionary training centers: Brownsville, Texas; El Paso, Texas; and San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, the Frontera task force continues to work toward establishing effective models of Gospel outreach to the ever-growing Hispanic population in the United States, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Texas District communicate the ongoing activities of the Frontera ministry to their member congregations, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Texas District be urged to share information about the Frontera ministry with their members, and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to support the work of the Frontera Ministry with time, talent and treasure, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the congregations and pastors of the Texas District work to identify, send, and support church workers who can serve in a Hispanic ministry context.

RESOLUTION 01-03-09

RE: OVERTURE 01-03-09

**SUBJECT: TO STUDY AND REACH ACROSS CONGREGATIONAL
"FRONTERAS"**

WHEREAS, the frontera ("border" in the Spanish language) between the United States and Mexico is a growing mission field, and

WHEREAS, there are many "fronteras"-- geographical, social, ethnical, spiritual, and generational in the Texas District of the LC-MS, and

WHEREAS these "fronteras" present opportunities to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in new and innovative ways, therefore be it

RESOLVED that congregations **be urged to** study their "fronteras" to determine what opportunities for new Gospel outreach exist in their communities, and be it finally

RESOLVED that congregations be encouraged to take action to reach across these "fronteras" with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Gil Franke-Chairman

RESOLUTION 01-04-09

RE: OVERTURE 01-04-09

**SUBJECT: MEMORIAL TO ENCOURAGE CROSS-CULTURAL CHURCH
PLANTS**

WHEREAS, by 2013 fifty-five percent of the population of Texas will be a multi-cultural mix of Hispanic, African American, Asian, and other ethnicities (numbering more than thirteen million people), and

WHEREAS Texas District congregations, LINC organizations, and Mission Action Councils are working to grow cross-cultural ministry outreach (currently numbering nearly 60 ministries), therefore be it

RESOLVED that congregations of the Texas District be encouraged to start and support cross-cultural church plants across the District that reach the growing multi-ethnic populations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Gil Franke-Chairman

RESOLUTION 01-05-09

RE: OVERTURE 01-05-09

SUBJECT: TO ENCOURAGE CONGREGATIONS TO USE "MISSIONINSITE"

WHEREAS, current demographic information can help a congregation understand trends that affect its outreach, and

WHEREAS, the Texas District provides congregations free access to the "MissionInsite" Demographic service, and

WHEREAS, the Mission and Ministry Facilitators of the Texas District are available to help congregations use and understand this service, be it

RESOLVED that congregations are encouraged to use the free demographic information from "MissionInsite", and be it finally

RESOLVED that congregations utilize the help of the Mission and Ministry Facilitators to access, use and understand the data provided.

Rev. Gil Franke-Chairman

01-06-09

Recognition of the DCE Anniversary

I move that the Texas District in Convention give thanks to God for the District's Directors of Christian Education on this day when our beloved Synod celebrates the 50th anniversary of establishing such ministry. Let recognition be given by joining to sing the Common Doxology.

Rev. Brian Hesse
Pastoral Delegate, Trinity, Amarillo