

Subject: Roofs for our Companion Synod in Cameroon

Source: Companion Synod Committee

Whereas: The evangelism work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, Africa continues to bear fruit with over 30 new churches recently constructed by our companion synod partners, and

Whereas: The churches constructed by our companion synod partners in Cameroon stand in need of permanent church roofs, and

Whereas: it was previously agreed by predecessor bodies that roofs would be provided by US Lutherans once the walls were constructed, and

Whereas: 2014 is the 25th year of companion relationship of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA and the EELC in Cameroon, and

Whereas: providing a church roof for our brothers and sisters in Cameroon is a tangible way to bear witness to the bond we share in Christ Jesus, and

Whereas: The average cost of providing a church roof in Cameroon is \$8000.00

Therefore, be it resolved: that the South Dakota Synod in celebration of our 25 years of companionship relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, establish a goal of raising \$200,000 to build 25 roofs for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon, Africa,

And be it further resolved: that the Companion Synod Committee of the South Dakota Synod be empowered to coordinate the fund raising effort, and

And be it further resolved: that congregations and individuals of the South Dakota Synod be encouraged to participate in the effort,

And be it further resolved: that we join in applauding the congregations and individuals who have provided places where Cameroonian Lutherans can worship by contributing to the Cameroon Roofs project in the past as well as those who are joining in the effort now and in the year to come.

Subject: Changes to Compensation and Guidelines

Source: Support to Ministries Committee

Whereas: the Affordable Care Act Passed by Congress in 2010 significantly impacts the Health Care Benefits provided to leaders in the South Dakota Synod, and

Whereas: housing guidelines for pastors receiving a housing allowance ~~needed~~ **need** clarification and updating, and

Whereas: classifying church leaders into four categories provides congregations the option of selecting the Compensation and Guidelines that most pertain to them,

Therefore, be it resolved: that the South Dakota Synod in Assembly adopt for 2014:¹

- Compensation and Guidelines for Pastors Living in a Parsonage
- Compensation and Guidelines for Pastors Receiving a Housing Allowance
- Compensation and Guidelines for Rostered Lay Leaders
- Compensation and Guideline for Lay Leaders

¹ The four different documents entitled "Compensation and Guidelines for..." are contained in the pre-assembly report along with a fifth document entitled: "A Brief Explanation of the Proposed Compensation and Guidelines."

Resolution: 3
Recommendation: DO PASSS
Action Taken: _____

Subject: Elect South Dakota Synod Council Members
Source: Resolutions Committee

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod, ELCA elect the following conference nominees to the South Dakota Synod Council for a term of four years:

Medary Conference (Clergy) Rev. Randy Koeller, De Smet
Crossroads Conference (Lay Female) Marilyn Green, Sioux Falls
Northern Plains Conference (Lay Male) Jesse Fonkert, Mobridge
Prairie Rivers Conference (Lay Female) Rose Lauck, Corsica