

**Resolution: 5**  
**Recommendation: No Recommendation**  
**Action Taken:**

**Subject: Vicar Voice and Vote**  
**Source: American Lutheran Church, De Smet, SD**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the South Dakota Synod to extend hospitality, and

WHEREAS, licensed lay ministers have voice and vote at the South Dakota Synod Assembly, and

WHEREAS, ELCA and other pastors called or contracted in congregations of our Synod are granted voice and vote at the South Dakota Synod Assembly, and

WHEREAS, seminarians provide fresh perspective, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod seek for ways to allow ELCA seminarians serving as interns/vicars in congregations of the South Dakota Synod to be granted the privilege of both voice and vote in the South Dakota Synod Assembly during the period of such service in a congregation of the South Dakota Synod.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ELCA seminarians serving as interns/vicars in congregations of the South Dakota Synod be granted the privilege of both voice and vote at the 2012 South Dakota Synod Assembly.~~