

RESOLUTIONS UPDATE

“So many resolutions. Do they ever get done?”

That question appeared in an evaluation of the 2018 Kansas District Convention, where delegates passed 28 resolutions. On these pages, we offer a progress report, omitting resolutions that were completed at the convention. Yes, resolutions DO get done.



KOINONIA PROJECT (03-09)

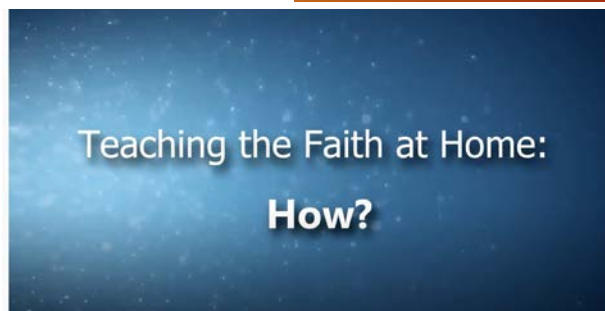
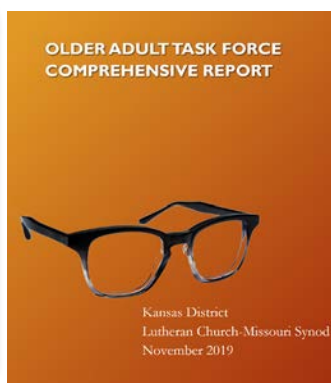
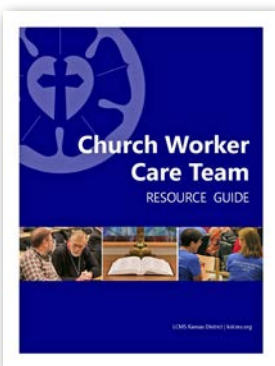
A nine-member Koinonia Task Force has established plans to continue and broaden the Koinonia Project, designed to foster theological unity. Koinonia is scheduled to be a topic at the 2020 Pastors Conference, 2021 Pre-Lent Conference, and at one additional event in 2021.

CHURCH WORKER CARE (02-02 and 03-01)

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY (04-09)

TEACHING THE FAITH AT HOME (03-04)

Pictured at right: The Church Worker Care Team Guide (being pilot tested), Older Adult Ministry Report (released late 2019), and a video from the “Teaching the Faith in the Home” series (recorded fall 2018). These resources were developed in response to the convention resolutions above.



SANCTITY OF LIFE (02-01)

The Kansas District increased attention to life issues in the last triennium through activities including the Kansas District Life Conference (pictured above) and support for the “Value Them Both” amendment, which came before the Kansas legislature in 2020.



CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS (01-04)

Coming this summer: Resources to help congregations interested in exploring a possible partnership with one or more other congregations (like the churches of the Northeast Kansas Partnership, pictured above.) We’ve developed a step-by-step process to help congregations consider their options.

SUPPORT FOR WEST AFRICA (01-03)

Quick fact: In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, gifts from Kansas for Togo and Central/West Africa, including contributions to the annual Pentecost Offering, totaled over \$80,000. Thank you for your support!



Attendees at the annual Educators Conference Conference browse materials at a Concordia Publishing House display.

Be it resolved: To encourage ...

Many of the 2018 convention resolutions “encourage” action. The district has responded to these priority topics by getting the word out in publications, on the website, during visits to schools and congregations, at circuit winkles and at district events.

01-01

Encourage Kansas District Congregations to Support Mission Work Through the Eugene Schmidt Memorial Mission Fund

- ✓ Annual Reformation Offering established.

01-02

Encourage Kansas District Congregations to Use Synod Outreach Materials (re: *Vitality and Every One His Witness*)

- ✓ Funding set aside for grants to congregations. Dozens of Kansas congregations have used the materials, with many receiving district grants to help cover costs.

01-05

Encourage Congregations to Work Together to Plant Churches

- ✓ Kansas City area congregations exploring a possible plant in DeSoto/K-10 corridor. Supporting planting activity in the Ulysses area, Concordia and Wichita.

01-06

Encourage Congregations to Develop Long-Term Funding Strategies

- ✓ Working on planned giving resources with the LCMS Foundation.
- ✓ Developing support for congregational partnership options.

02-03

Encourage Greater Use of the Kansas District Retreat Center

- ✓ Article in the Kansas edition of *The*

Lutheran Witness highlighting features and improvements.

02-04

Encourage Congregations to Increase Support for Church Worker Scholarship Fund and Educational Loan Repayment

- ✓ Annual Ash Wednesday Offering supports this cause.
- ✓ One large bequest has provided substantial funding for scholarships.

02-05

Encourage Pastors and Congregations to Provide Christ-Centered, Compassionate Care to Those with Mental Illnesses and Disorders

- ✓ Programming offered at worker conferences.
- ✓ List of counselors being developed for referrals

03-02

Encourage Congregations to Welcome Visits from their Visitor

- ✓ Encouraged at winkles and conferences.
- ✓ Visitation materials updated.

03-05

Encourage the Use of Concordia Publishing House Curriculum in Kansas District Preschools and Early Learning Centers

- ✓ Survey conducted: 2/3 are using CPH materials.
- ✓ CPH presence encouraged at conferences.

03-06

Encourage Congregations to Use Synod, District and LCEF Stewardship Resources

- ✓ New and existing resources promoted.
- ✓ New stewardship resources: Narrative Budget Guide; “Placed for a Purpose” Bible Study.
- ✓ Related: Res. 04-06: Emphasizing Cheerful and Generous Giving

03-07

Encourage Kansas District Congregations To Use Kansas District Salary Guidelines in Their Compensation Planning

- ✓ Addressed in visits, meetings and call process consultations.

03-08

Encourage Congregational Participation in the Church’s Plan with Concordia Plan Services

- ✓ Addressed in visits, meetings and consultations.

04-05

Encourage Congregational Training of Leaders for Ministry with Children, Youth and Adults

- ✓ Youth Ministry Task Force established; report presented in 2020.
- ✓ Lutheran Youth Representative Program developed.

04-07

Encourage Colloquy or Other Educational Tracks for Non-Rostered Teachers to be Inculcated into Lutheran Theology

- ✓ Board of Education and Youth discussing possible financial assistance for colloquy.

04-08

Encourage Support for the Proposed Startup of Concordia Academy: A Lutheran Liberal Arts Education in Wichita

- ✓ Included in a congregational “to do” list at start of triennium.



Looking ahead

What should the Kansas District prioritize in 2021? Consider submitting an overture through your congregation for consideration at the 2021 convention. Watch for an overture template on the convention webpage at kslcms.org.