

## **Resolution B**

### **ELCA YOUTH MINISTRY NETWORK**

Whereas, Mark chapter 10 tells us “13People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them,” and

Whereas, Children and adults are welcomed into the family of God and called in baptism to a life of service; and

Whereas, The Church has called pastors, lay ministers, volunteers, and parents to equip and empower young people for ministry; and

Whereas, Adult youth ministry leaders live out Martin Luther’s vision for the Church by teaching young people; and

Whereas, For over 10 years the ELCA Youth Ministry Network has renewed, educated, and connected adult youth ministry leaders for service in the church and the world; therefore, be it

Resolved, That congregations encourage their members to pray for our young people, youth ministry leaders, and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and

Resolved, That congregations encourage adult youth ministry leaders and pastors to take advantage of opportunities that renew, educate, and connect adult youth ministry leaders and pastors and their ministries; and

Resolved, That individuals from this synod be encouraged to become members of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and

Resolved, That the North/West Lower Michigan Synod encourage congregations, youth ministry leaders and pastors to support the ELCA Youth Ministry Network by joining the network and by sending youth ministry leaders to the annual Extravaganza to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 28 – February 1, 2009.

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