

## **Resolution C**

### **BOOK OF FAITH INITIATIVE**

#### **Preamble**

**The vision for the *Book of Faith* initiative is this:**

**That the whole church become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word.**

**Three important goals of the initiative and its vision... that people throughout this church**

- Experience more fully the power of the Word
- Learn together about Lutheran approaches to Scripture which have been so fruitful over the centuries
- Enter fully into a conversation which is deep and broad, including folks of all ages and across all the many cultures that inform who we are as a people of God

These goals all serve the purpose of centering and grounding people's faith, thereby centering, grounding, and enlivening this whole church.

Whereas, Pastors at their ordination vow to be diligent in their study of the holy scriptures; and

Whereas, All parents and sponsors of baptized children covenant to place in their hands the holy scriptures and nurture them in faith and prayer; and

Whereas, All the baptized when they affirm their baptism promise to hear the Word of God; and

Whereas, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has begun a Book of Faith Initiative inviting everyone to join the conversation, make a commitment, and become part of the initiative; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all congregations of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod be encouraged to join the Book of Faith Initiative in order to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word; and

Resolved, That the bishop of this synod shall lead this initiative and work with congregations on its implementation; and

Resolved, That this synod become a Book of Faith synod.

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on behalf of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Council