

RESOLUTION on GENEROUS LOVE - GENEROUS LIVES

WHEREAS Jesus' followers for 2000 years have responded to God's generous love by living generous lives; and

WHEREAS the Macedonia Project is an initiative of our ELCA to deepen and enliven generous living in all synods, congregations and households, and

WHEREAS the La Crosse Area Synod Council adopted the "Generous Love-Generous Lives" synod emphasis put forth by the Mission Support Committee on November 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS this emphasis challenges the congregations and households of the synod to:

- 1) Depend on the Grace of God,
- 2) Honestly face real struggles,
- 3) Rejoice in the communion of saints,
- 4) Practice a generosity that is overflowing, voluntary, (dis)proportionate, and risky, and
- 5) Eagerly share in ministry with the larger church,

as is modeled in the Macedonian church (2 Corinthians 8), and

WHEREAS a Generous Love– Generous Lives Tool Kit has been developed by members of this synod to be distributed to every congregation and pastor; therefore be it

RESOLVED that every congregation challenge its members to increase their financial generosity to the congregation by at least 1% in 2013, and be it further

RESOLVED that every congregation be challenged to increase its investment in local community ministries by at least 1% in 2013, and be it further

RESOLVED that every congregation be challenged to increase its synodical mission support by at least 1% by the end of 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED that every congregation engage the materials in the Generous Love – Generous Lives Tool Kit toward these ends throughout the next two years and beyond.

Submitted by the Synod Mission Support Committee