

RESOLUTION to REPLACE the LYO BYLAW (S.11.05.11) of the LA CROSSE AREA SYNOD CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS the Churchwide Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has acted to dissolve the Lutheran Youth Organization in its current form at the Churchwide expression; and

WHEREAS the La Crosse Area Synod continues to strive to be a synod where youth are fully included, where their unique spiritual gifts are freely shared, nurtured and applied, and where concerns relevant to each new generation of youth are intentionally addressed; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the present bylaw S.11.05.11 be removed from the constitution of the La Crosse Area Synod; and be it further

RESOLVED that the following bylaw S.11.05.11 be added to the constitution of the La Crosse Area Synod:

S.11.05.11 There shall be a LYLE Advisory Team whose purpose shall be to assist congregations in strengthening the faith of youth through education, fellowship, service and witness, empowering youth to be Lutheran Youth Leading Evangelism, and nurturing an environment where concerns relevant to each new generation of youth are intentionally addressed.

- 1) The LYLE Advisory Team shall consist of the following:
 - a) One clergy representative from each of the four synod conferences elected by the Synod Assembly for a two year term,
 - b) One lay representative from each of the four synod conferences elected by the Synod Assembly for a two year term,
 - c) Two 9th through 12th grade youth representatives from each of the four synod conferences, recruited and appointed annually by the LYLE Advisory Team,
 - d) A representative of the Synod Office assigned by the Bishop.
- 2) The LYLE Advisory Team shall meet as a whole at least twice a year.
- 3) The Advisory Team shall sponsor and have oversight responsibility for fellowship, service, and educational events for youth and adults. The Advisory Team may appoint groups to carry out these events. Programs will include but are not limited to the following:
 - a) Confirmation events that allow youth the opportunity to experience the ministries of the larger church.
 - b) An annual high school youth opportunity to gather for education, vocational exploration, fellowship, worship, service, and witness.
 - c) Helping to coordinate synod involvement in Churchwide youth events.
 - d) Training for Pastors/Youth Leaders that educates and equips them to be examples and guides in leadership and to engage youth in conversations of vocation (including youth work, rostered ministry, and participation in service ministries such as Young Adults in Global Mission and the Lutheran Volunteer Corps).
 - e) Maintaining networks of education and support within Youth Ministry for paid and volunteer leaders.