



Arizona-California  
**DISTRICT**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**2018 Arizona-California District Convention**

**Resolution 2018-03-01**

**Subject: Ministerial Education Committee**

- WHEREAS 1) the great commission was given us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV), and
- WHEREAS 2) “the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few” (Matthew 9:37, NIV); and
- WHEREAS 3) the number of graduates from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has declined over the past several years; and
- WHEREAS 4) the number of pastoral vacancies have increased significantly in the same period of time; and
- WHEREAS 5) our AZ-CA district’s mission activity is at an all-time high with the current number of existing and proposed missions; and
- WHEREAS 6) innovative, flexible, and practical solutions to worker training have been implemented in the interest of increasing the number of pastors in the past; and
- WHEREAS 7) the AZ-CA District sees this as an urgent and important matter; be it
- Resolved, a) that we ask the Lord of the harvest to provide workers for the harvest; and be it further
- Resolved, b) that the AZ-CA District President form an ad hoc committee to study this issue in consultation with Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and the Board for Ministerial Education to identify obstacles and barriers, and identify innovative and flexible solutions that maintain the quality of our worker training education and the integrity of the pastoral ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Stephen Hein, Chairman  
Pastor John Sprain, Secretary

**The Resolution was Adopted**

