

To Modify the Governance of the Colleges and Universities of the Concordia University System

- Whereas, higher education is in a time of significant change, including but not limited to demographic shifts in prospective student populations, increasing market competition from non-profit and for-profit providers of education, ongoing innovations in technology and academic program delivery models, increasing accountability to public and private entities, and growing financial complexities, and
- Whereas, Christian colleges and universities face the additional challenge to be faithful to their confession in an increasingly secular culture, and
- Whereas, to survive and thrive in today's highly competitive, complex, and secular environment Christian institutions of higher education require informed and talented boards of regents, with a common commitment to education in the context of the Christian Gospel, an understanding of and passion for the unique missions of the institutions they govern, a multiplicity of skill sets to support the specific needs of the institutions they govern, and the capacity to support these institutions with their time, talent, treasure, and other resources, and
- Whereas, the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System desire to preserve and extend their identity as Lutheran institutions of higher education, which offer quality, affordable education, and
- Whereas, the governance model of the Concordia University System, established in 1992, is in need of modification to meet the current and future challenges of Lutheran higher education, therefore be it
- Resolved, that The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in convention give thanks to God for the treasures it has in its nine colleges and universities, and be it finally
- Resolved, that the governance paradigm of the individual colleges and universities of the Concordia University System be changed to the extent that
- Each college or university will determine the number of regents it chooses to appoint to its Board of Regents;
 - Each Board of Regents will be responsible for appointing its own members from within a pool of candidates consisting of the members (i.e. congregation members in good standing and ministers of religion ordained and commissioned) of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod;
 - Each Board of Regents will include among its members
 - the President of the geographic LCMS District in which the college or university is located,
 - a regent appointed by the LCMS President,
 - a regent appointed by the LCMS Board of Directors,
 - a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, ordained,
 - a minimum of two regents who are members in good standing on the LCMS roster of ministers of religion, commissioned.