

To Commend President's Commission on Sanctity of Life and Establish a Sanctity of Life Standing Committee

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WHEREAS, The President's Commission on the Sanctity of Life in its documents has stated:

"Human life is not an achievement. It is an endowment. It has measureless value, because every individual, at every stage of development and every state of consciousness is known and loved by God. This is the source of human dignity and the basis for human equality. It must therefore be asserted without exception or qualification: No one is worthless whom God has created and for whom Christ died"; and

WHEREAS, The Commission further stated:

"Uncompromising respect for human life is fundamental and the foundational principle for human community that enables individuals to live together in security and harmony"; and

WHEREAS, The Commission still further stated:

"This principle calls upon every individual and society to rightly define the human community. Will all be counted as neighbors, or will some be regarded and treated as strangers and cast beyond protection? In a democracy, men and women of every walk and station of life have a role and responsibility in answering these great and significant questions"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention thank the President's Commission on the Sanctity of Life for its work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President's Commission on the Sanctity of Life be replaced by a standing committee on the Sanctity of Life Ministry under the auspices of the Board for Human Care Ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Sanctity of Life Ministry standing committee be charged with responsibility for providing re- sources, programs, and encouragement to the members of the Synod regarding all appropriate applications of the principle of the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Sanctity of Life Ministry standing committee be allowed to pursue and procure, according to policies provided by the Board of Directors of the Synod, such additional funding as may be necessary and available to fulfill its responsibilities to the fullest extent possible.

Action: Adopted [yes: 1,042; no: 82].)