To the 63<sup>rd</sup> Convention of The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod February 16-18, 2025

OVERTURE: 1-11

SUBJECT: TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CONCORDIA HEALTH PLANS

WHEREAS, Healthcare costs are increasingly burdensome to congregations and schools, AND

WHEREAS, Concordia Health Plans provides an invaluable service to the LCMS, AND

WHEREAS, The pool of workers available to enroll in CHP is relatively small, AND

WHEREAS, A larger pool of workers contributing to the overall plan should decrease costs, AND

WHEREAS, There are other church bodies with whom we agree in biblical morality and medical ethics,

AND

**WHEREAS**, Our doctrine permits us to cooperate in externals with other church bodies in non-doctrinal

matters, THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED:** That the Synod in convention would change the Bylaws so that Synod Board of Directors

and Concordia Health Plans can work with other church bodies to increase collective worker enrollment in order to decrease overall cost and ensure sustainability, AND BE IT

**FURTHER** 

**RESOLVED:** That the Synod in convention would appoint a task force to submit recommendations and

considerations for reducing the cost at next convention, including the possibility of combining with other church bodies with whom we agree in biblical morality and medical

ethics, AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED:** That the Synod Board of Directors would seek out other church bodies who align with us

in externals to this end, AND BE IT FINALLY

**RESOLVED:** That the LCMS would retain a majority representation on the CHP Board.

Respectfully Submitted

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