

Resolution #10 - Cornerstone Campaign for New Churches

Subject: Cornerstone Campaign for New Churches

From: Evangelism and Church Growth Ministry Group

WHEREAS, the Cornerstone Campaign was established by the Synod of 1986, and continued by the Synods of 1992, 1995, 1998 and 2002;

WHEREAS, over its history, this program has raised over \$1.25 million dollars, greatly assisting 8 new congregations in the purchase or construction of church facilities from which to conduct their ministry, witness and service; and

WHEREAS, funds raised by the Cornerstone Campaign remain a key part of the funding of facilities for new congregations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Cornerstone Campaign be continued for the next inter-Synodal period (2006-2010);

RESOLVED, That the campaign be funded from our congregations totaling a minimum of \$150,000 annually, with this amount being proposed to the congregations as a minimum requested amount by application of the formula described in paragraph 1204 of the Book of Order and used to assign the Provincial contributions listed in Article XX of the Rules and Regulations;

RESOLVED, That the Cornerstone Campaign be considered a special Benevolent Capital and Outreach Program for the above stated period and that the Provincial Financial Board be directed to exclude this item from the determination of the formula percentage for Provincial contributions;

RESOLVED, That the Provincial Elder's Conference encourage participation in the Cornerstone Campaign during each of its triennial reviews with the congregations of the Southern Province;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions choose a Sunday each year as a time to fully inform our congregations about this campaign, preparing and distributing materials for that purpose, and that the Church Board(s) of each congregation designate one or more members to receive and to share this information;

RESOLVED, That Church Board(s) of our congregations review and consider their participation in this program each year before preparing their annual budgets; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions is encouraged to discuss with the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America suitable avenues by which interested individuals and groups may support all aspects of new church development through bequests, charitable remainder trusts, and other planned giving.

Approved by Finance Committee