

Resolution #15 - Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Outreach

Subject: Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Outreach

From: Ecumenism Ministry Group

WHEREAS, the Moravian Church in America (MCA) is in full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and seeks means of engaging in mission together;

WHEREAS, the Moravian Church in South Africa has been a member of the Lutheran World Federation for over 30 years;

WHEREAS, the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa has reached epic proportions;

WHEREAS, the current President of the South Africa Province serves on the Board of the Lutheran World Federation as well as on the Board of a local hospital dedicated to HIV/ AIDS treatment;

WHEREAS, the Board of World Mission and the Moravian Church in America, Northern Province (MCNP), have developed a model for outreach to people with HIV /AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the desire of our 2006 Synod is to be committed to mission outreach; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Southern Province encourage the Board of World Mission to expand the work in Tanzania and begin an outreach ministry to serve HIV/AIDS patients in South Africa, providing medical supplies, medical teams, and pastoral ministry teams of MCA and ELCA members to assist in ministering to said patients; and

RESOLVED, That \$5000 be provided from the Southern Province budget to the Board of World Mission to provide seed money for HIV/AIDS ecumenical outreach in 2007.

Reviewed by Finance Committee and passed without prejudice