

1 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, confessing its own faults, and walking humbly in repentance
2 before God, has addressed racism and discrimination in 10 Synod conventions resulting in convention resolutions
3 (e.g., 1959 Res. 13-12, “Combating Racial Discriminations,” *Proceedings*, 315–17); and

4 WHEREAS, The Committee on Theology and Church Relations’ (CTCR) February 1994 document, *Racism and*
5 *the Church* states: “We in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have before us a wonderful opportunity to commit
6 ourselves to strive toward making racism a thing of the past, and to demonstrate before a watching world how people
7 of all cultures and groups can become one in Christ, who has made of many one body for the edification of all”;
8 therefore be it

9 *Resolved*, That Synod in convention publicly condemn the sin of racism in all its manifestations, giving honor to
10 the Father “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named” (Eph. 3:15); confessing the Son, who, by His
11 Incarnation and sacrificial death gave value and dignity to every human being; and calling on the Spirit to work in us
12 true repentance, renewal of life, and genuine unity with one another; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the members of Synod be encouraged to utilize the 1994 CTCR document *Racism and the Church*
14 that was commended to the Synod by the 1995 convention (Res. 2-05A, *Proceedings*, 112); and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the members of the congregations of the Synod be encouraged to work toward racial reconciliation
16 and equality within the Church and within society-at-large, praying that those who advocate racist ideologies and
17 those who are deceived by them be brought to repentance, and that justice and healing come to those who have been
18 wounded; and be it finally

19 *Resolved*, That as followers of Christ, “we regard no one according to the flesh” (2 Cor. 5:16), that we serve the
20 One who has entrusted “to us the message of reconciliation” (2 Cor. 5:19), and that we celebrate that “in Christ God
21 was reconciling the world to himself” (2 Cor. 5:19).