

A resolution on the anniversary service of the Reformation:

Whereas on October 31, A.D., 2017 the Lutheran Church will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses by Dr. Martin Luther, and

Whereas this joyful and solemn occasion is rightfully the focus of great thanks to God for the reformation of His Church and the restoration of the everlasting Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to its rightful place as the center of all worship and proclamation within His Church, and

Whereas the Western Wisconsin District of the WELS will mark the occasion in joyful assembly at a special service held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin on Sunday, October 29, A.D., 2017 at 4:00 PM, and

Whereas this service will have all expenses paid “up front” and no need to use any portion of the offering received at this service to pay for this celebratory service itself, and

Whereas such a momentous occasion, the most significant anniversary we shall celebrate in our lifetimes, calls for a substantial offering worthy of the Reformation, and

Whereas, the Western Wisconsin District in convention, June, 2016, voted to give the offering to two places: the Western Wisconsin District Scholarship Fund and the Wartburg Project (subsequently producing the Bible translation named the *English Heritage Version*), and

Whereas, the Western Wisconsin District in that same convention, ceded to this Western Wisconsin District Conference of pastors and male teachers the authority to designate what percentage of the offering should be given to each of these two projects, and

Whereas both the training of future pastors and teachers and a clear, faithful, English translation of the Bible are projects worthy of the Reformation, therefore be it resolved

a) that we give thanks to the Lord of the Church for His generosity to us in saving us from our sins, giving us eternal life through the sacrificial work of our Savior Jesus, giving His Holy Spirit to us so that we have come to believe the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, and allowing us to be confessing members of the evangelical Lutheran faith, and be it further resolved

b) that we encourage every member of the Western Wisconsin District to attend the festival service on October 29, A.D., 2017, and be it further resolved

c) that we encourage the members of our District to “bring a heavy checkbook” to the service to give a generous offering worthy of the Reformation at the celebration of this momentous anniversary, and be it finally resolved

d) that the offering be divided between the Western Wisconsin District Scholarship Fund, which will receive 2/3 of the offering and the Wartburg Project which shall receive 1/3 of the offering.