

Overture #1-2

To Live Responsibly in God's Creation

WHEREAS, In concern for God's creation, Christians identify with all human suffering and pursue compassionate ways of social improvement to alleviate that suffering; and

WHEREAS, God told humans to be good stewards of his creation and its vast resources and riches for us to use wisely and enjoy for a full and abundant life; and

WHEREAS, Each human has chemical, mechanical, biological, psychological, mental, and spiritual dimensions, and any one dimension affects all the others; and

WHEREAS, God created everything "good", through the fall into sin humans have brought into the world the evil that impoverishes and defaces God's creation; and

WHEREAS, God's Word (Michah 6:8) calls on all believers to combat the destructive nature of the evils of demeaning or devaluing any human being created in the image of God or abusing God's creation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we encourage participation on the part of God's people, as individuals, congregations, circuits, districts, and the Synod, in prayer, personal involvement, service, and sacrifice directed toward wise stewardship of God's creation and the relief of troubles in our world and preventing the causes of these troubles; and be it further

Resolved, That the CNH District-LCMS, ask its Human Care Committee to study these issues in more depth and ~~try to develop resource materials~~, to identify resources and training to assist individuals, congregations, circuits, and the District to live responsibly in God's creation; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Human Care Committee make a report to the next District Convention on the progress made on these resolutions.

Submitted by the Human Care Committee of the CNH District-LCMS

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