

1 **Resolution 1-6**

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3 **Affirming the CNH District's Strategic Ministry Plan and Executive Summary**
4 **Direction for the 2025–2028 Triennium**

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6 **Whereas**, the CNH District adopted the Strategic Ministry Plan (SMP) to guide its
7 ministry efforts, organized around key goals: Connection and Collaboration, Leadership
8 Development, Growing Ministries, Worker Wellness, and Resource Stewardship; and
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10 **Whereas**, the SMP has provided a strong and effective foundation for strategic action
11 across the District; and
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13 **Whereas**, through prayerful visioning and evaluation, District leaders identified key
14 strategic focus areas to help congregations, schools, and ministries respond faithfully to
15 emerging needs and opportunities; and
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17 **Whereas**, the strategic focus outlines four critical areas of intentionality for the next
18 triennium:
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20 **1. Movement Forward for Ministries:** Equipping congregations and schools with
21 clear pathways, coaching support, strategic partnerships, and realistic expectations
22 to pursue sustainable ministry growth in their unique contexts;
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24 **2. Cultivating and Expanding Gatherings:** Encouraging the creation of new
25 gatherings and the strengthening of existing ones, reflecting the diversity of the
26 District's communities in language, culture, and ministry style;
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28 **3. Leadership Development:** Accelerating the identification, equipping, and support
29 of diverse leaders — lay and professional, across generations — through
30 mentorship networks, experiential training, and leadership mapping;
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32 **4. Mission Ventures:** Supporting missional communities, schools, and nonprofits,
33 with a goal of establishing at least six new mission outposts and two fully constituted
34 LCMS churches
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36 **Whereas**, these four initiatives are intended to overlay — not replace — the existing
37 Strategic Ministry Plan, providing focused and flexible direction that builds on the SMP's
38 goals while allowing for Spirit-led innovation and responsiveness;
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40 **Therefore be it resolved**, that the 2025 CNH District Convention affirms the Strategic
41 Ministry Plan (SMP) as the continuing foundational guide for the District's ministry
42 efforts; and
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44 **Be it further resolved**, that the four strategic focus areas — Movement Forward for
45 Ministries, Cultivating and Expanding Gatherings, Leadership Development, and

Mission Ventures — be utilized as guiding emphases for the CNH District’s work during the 2025–2028 triennium; and

Be it further resolved, that the CNH District Board of Directors, together with the District staff and leadership, be encouraged to utilize the SMP and the four crucial areas overlay to prioritize efforts, allocate resources, and encourage bold, prayerful ministry initiatives across the District; and

Be it finally resolved, that the CNH District commit itself to a posture of flexibility, innovation, collaboration, and faithful reliance on the Holy Spirit leading through the Word of God as it moves forward in mission together.