

1 **Overture #3 -3**

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3 **To Consider Recommendations for Circuit #13**

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5 WHEREAS, Synod Bylaws define a visitation circuit as “*a network of congregations that*
6 *‘walks together’ for mutual care, support, advice, study, ecclesiastical encouragement,*
7 *service, coordination, resources, and counsel—all for the sake of greater congregational*
8 *participation in God’s mission*” (Bylaw 5.1.1); and
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10 WHEREAS, Synod Bylaws direct Districts to “*establish visitation circuits according to*
11 *geographical criteria*” (Bylaw 5.1.2); and
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13 WHEREAS, Due to the recent suspension of The Lutheran Church of Arcata, the only
14 remaining congregation in Circuit #13 is Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of
15 Crescent City, California; and
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17 WHEREAS, The LCMS congregation closest to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in
18 California is St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ferndale, which has transferred to the English
19 District; and
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21 WHEREAS, The closest CNH-LCMS church to Grace is St. John Lutheran Church,
22 Willits, California, a congregation of Circuit #14; and
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24 WHEREAS, The leadership of Grace Lutheran Church has expressed a desire to join in
25 fellowship with the congregations of Circuit #14; therefore be it
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27 *Resolved*, That the Voting Delegates of the 2025 CNH District Convention approve the
28 move of Grace Lutheran Church, Crescent City to Circuit #14; and; be it finally
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30 *Resolved*, That the District in Convention approve the dissolution of CNH Circuit #13.
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33 Submitted by the CNH District Board of Directors