

**WordAlone Network Annual Convention  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
Golden Valley, MN  
April 30-May 2, 2006**

**First Plenary Session, May 1, 9:00 a.m.**

**Standing Rules**

**M/S/Approved**        That the Standing Rules be approved.

**Agenda**

**M/S/Approved**        That the agenda be approved.

**Presidents' Report**

Jaynan Clark Eglund reported on past and current activities of the WordAlone Network with a challenge for the future.

**Nominating Report**

The chair of the Nominating Committee, Mark Granquist, gave the report. The following people were nominated for the four positions on the WordAlone Board of Directors:

Bill Drew, Spokane, WA  
Daniel Storvick, Prescott, AZ  
Jennifer Mason, Crystal, MN  
Scott Grorud, Hutchison, MN

The chair left the nominations open for additions until 1:00 pm today.

**Report on the Lutheran House of Studies**

Dennis Bielfeldt presented a power point report on the task force study and proposed plans for the establishment of the house of studies.

**Registration**

Mark Chavez reported that 313 WA members had registered and there were 389 total registrations for the convention.

**Treasurer's Report**

Irv Aal gave a summary of the report for 2005, which had been distributed in the notebooks. He also updated the members on the first quarter of 2006 and made some comments about the 2006 budget, which also had been distributed. He announced that the outside auditor will be auditing the books for 2005 soon.

**M/S/ Approved**        That the treasurer's report be accepted.

## **Second Plenary Session, May 2, 9:00 a.m.**

### **Election of Word Alone Board Members**

Those nominated are: Bill Drew, Scott Grorud, Jennifer Mason, and Daniel Starvick.

**M/S/Approved** That the four nominees be elected by unanimous ballot.

### **Nominating Committee**

The following were recommended as members of the Nominating Committee:

Chuck DeHaven, New Braunfels, TX - clergy

Gerald Miller, Annapolis, MD - clergy

Al Quie, Minnetonka, MN - lay

Dan Selbo, San Jose, CA - clergy

Tony Stoutenburg, Hayward, WI - clergy

**M/S/Approved** That the recommended nominating committee members be elected.

## **Second Plenary Session, May 2, 11:30 a.m.**

### **Lutheran theological house of studies**

Dennis Bielfeldt presented a resolution recommending the establishment of the house of studies.

**M/S/** That the main motion be approved

The following amendment was presented by Al Quie for action at next plenary session: First resolve clause, 4<sup>th</sup> line, .....pastors and leaders whose “Lord and Savior is Jesus the Christ and whose” theological education....; and in the second resolved clause, 3<sup>rd</sup> line, ...especially the ELCA –“so that” all ...and after seminaries at the end of the last line “might make disciples to teach all that Jesus has commanded us.”

**M/S/Approved** Move the previous question.

**M/S/Approved** That the amendment be approved.

**M/S/Defeated** To table the main motion.

**M/S/** Amendment to strike “autonomous and accredited” from the first resolved clause and “autonomous” from the title.

**M/S/Defeated** Move the previous question.

**Amendment defeated.**

### **The main motion was approved.**

The resolution as amended reads as follows:

## **Proposal for an Autonomous Lutheran Theological House of Studies**

Whereas the existing Lutheran seminaries provide theological education in multiple and flexible ways, with some of the professors employing the scriptural hermeneutic of the Lutheran Reformation, but no Evangelical Lutheran Church in America educational institution is wholly committed to or embracing the traditional approach; and

Whereas the 2005 WordAlone Network annual convention directed the “WordAlone Board to appoint a task force to develop a plan and proposal to establish a ‘Lutheran Theological House of Studies’ using the gifts of theological teachers employing the scriptural hermeneutic of the Lutheran Reformation,” and

Whereas the task force for the house of studies, under the leadership of Dr. Dennis Bielfeldt, has presented a proposal for the house of studies at this 2006 WordAlone Network annual convention, which proposes an autonomous and accredited house of studies “that focuses on the Confessions, is competent in relating the Confessions to the world in which we live, and that recognizes that proper authority can be located in the Word alone,” therefore

Be it resolved that the 2006 WordAlone Network annual convention endorses the proposal presented by the house of studies task force for an autonomous, accredited house of studies, which partners with existing institutions to offer a multi-site delivery option, and that provides Lutheran churches with pastors and leaders whose Lord and Savior is Jesus the Christ and whose theological education is firmly grounded in the scriptural hermeneutic of the Lutheran Reformation; and furthermore

Be it resolved that this convention direct the WordAlone Network Board of Directors to implement this proposal and establish a Lutheran Theological House of Studies for the strengthening and betterment of the Lutheran churches in America, especially the ELCA—so that all its members, leaders, churches, colleges and seminaries might make disciples to teach all that Jesus has commanded us.

**Plenary session adjourned at 12:40 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jo Knutson, Recording Secretary