

**A RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET SUPPORT OF LUTHERANCH**

**WHEREAS** Lutheridge Lutherock Ministries, Inc. (LLMI, Inc.) has had a profound impact on the lives of many youth and adults of our synod, to such extent that many of our rostered leaders have had a direct connection and credit their call to ministry with outdoor ministries; and

**WHEREAS** outdoor ministries provide a myriad of spiritual, relational, and leadership opportunities to members of all ages in our synod congregations; and

**WHEREAS** the new camp, called Lutheranch, in Tallapoosa, Georgia, will afford members of our synod with even greater accessibility to the benefits of outdoor ministries through its close proximity to the population center of the congregations of the SE Synod; and

**WHEREAS** Lutheranch also promises to work in cooperation with other outdoor ministry opportunities in the region, including a partnership with other camps and with existing programs sponsored by the synod and by LLMI, Inc., in order to expand the vision of camp and conference ministries; and

**WHEREAS** the Capital Campaign, “Foundations for Faith: The Challenge,” will be initiated in Southeastern Synod congregations during 2008 and 2009, to extend for a period of three years; and

**WHEREAS** the operating costs of the horse farm and existing structures at Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, Georgia, are ongoing, as of the date of purchase on February 20, 2007; and

**WHEREAS** the proceeds from the Capital Campaign are designated primarily for the purchase of the 519 acres of property, and not for the operating costs of maintaining the existing site; and

**WHEREAS** the operating expenses of Lutheranch for 2008 is estimated at \$65,000 a year; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Southeastern Synod allocate \$65,000 in additional tier one budgeted support to LLMI designated for Lutheranch operating expenses in the 2009-10 budget to be funded by monies designated by the Synod Council, and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Budget and Finance Committee evaluate Lutheranch operating expense needs and synod support annually

**RESOLVED** that the congregations of the Southeastern Synod designate the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February, around February 20, as an annual celebration of the purchase of Lutheranch Camp, and on such date receive a “thank offering” to be sent to the Southeastern Synod for the operating expenses of the new facility, Lutheranch, which would then be sent to LLMI, INC.

Submitted by:  
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Reference and Council Recommends Approval