

**R-1: A Call to Celebrate and Support Lutheran Campus Ministry
in the Northern Illinois Synod**

WHEREAS, the ELCA has made a public commitment to being a church that welcomes and engages new, young and diverse people, and

WHEREAS, young adults are among the most absent population in our worshiping communities and Lutheran Campus Ministries serve alongside colleges and universities where large numbers of young adults are engaged in higher education; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of professional leaders in the ELCA credit Lutheran Campus Ministry as instrumental in assisting them in their call to professional ministry in the church; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Campus Ministry sites serve as places of worship and spaces of respite during anxious times for young adults exploring how to be faithful people in a secular world; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Illinois Synod has an agreement with Grace Place Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University in affirmation of our common commitment to the goal of full communion between Lutherans and Episcopalians; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability of Lutheran Campus Ministry lies largely within the Synod, due to dramatic drops in the ELCA national support of campus ministry sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Illinois Synod, which has been a supporter of Lutheran Campus Ministry, encourage its congregations and individuals to support the mission of Grace Place Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University and designates the third Sunday in May as Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Grace Place Campus Ministry and its Board of Directors provide education materials and information about its ministry to congregations and individuals within the synod in order to create partnerships that would strengthen the ministry of Grace Place; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday congregations are encouraged to lift up Lutheran Campus Ministry in their prayers and to encourage their young adults and recent graduates to engage in Lutheran Campus Ministry wherever they attend college or university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday congregations are encouraged to receive a special offering to be sent to the synod to support Lutheran Campus Ministry in the synod.

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Action of the Resolution Committee: Recommend adoption of the resolution

Date of Action: April 21, 2022

**2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly
Anticipated Implementation Analysis for Assembly Resolutions**

(This resource impact form must accompany any Resolution submitted)

Resolution Title: A Call to Celebrate and Support Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Illinois Synod

Anticipated financial cost for implementation of resolution, if adopted, for:

Synod Organization: Continued financial support of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the synod

Congregations:

Congregations will be encouraged to financially support Lutheran
Camps Ministry in the synod but there is no requirement

Anticipated staff time or other personnel implications of resolution, if adopted, for:

Synod Organization: Posting and sharing the resources that Grace Place Campus Ministry creates

Congregations:

Sharing and utilizng the resources that have been created

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