

Official Doctrinal Statements of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

Years: 1847-1998

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vol., Page</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Absolution	Law	1860	1b, 49	It is impossible for faith to exist without the previous working of the Law.
Absolution	means of grace	1860	1b, 50	Absolution communicates the forgiveness of sins.
Absolution	private	1850	1, 141	New members have a Scriptural mandate to yield to private confession if that has been the congregation's practice.
Absolution	application	1860	1b, 49	Absolution should not be proclaimed to "pigs and dogs" who will despise the treasure offered to them.
Absolution	office	1848	1, 56-57	Power to forgive sins has not been promised solely to the office, but to the whole Church.
Absolution	preaching	1860	1b, 40	Every sermon is an Absolution.
Absolution	preaching	1860	1b, 41	Forgiveness is offered and Absolution proclaimed to all who hear the preaching of the Gospel, even unbelievers, though they reject it.
Absolution	private	1848	1, 44	Pastors bound to the Lutheran Confessions should publicize and recommend private Absolution.
Absolution	private	1852	1, 223	One ought not seek to remove private Absolution; pastors are to insist on confessional registrations.
Absolution	private	1860	1b, 37	Private Absolution is especially helpful in making the doubting certain of their forgiveness.
Absolution	private	1860	1b, 54	Private Absolution is especially helpful in making the doubting certain of their forgiveness.
Absolution	private	1860	1b, 37 f	Private Confession and Absolution is an exercise in Law and Gospel, an opportunity for catechesis, humility.
Absolution	private	1860	1b, 56	The unique benefit of private Absolution is not a unique gift, but a unique assurance and comfort.

Absolution	private	1860	1b, 57	It is an abomination to force private Absolution on a congregation.
Absolution	proclamation	1860	1b, 42	Absolution is a proclamation of forgiveness which actually gives that forgiveness.
Absolution	public	1860	1b, 50	When Absolution is publicly proclaimed, it should be announced by pastors who administer the public means of grace; privately the laity may administer it.
Absolution	repentance	1860	1b, 51	Repentance does not earn the forgiveness of sin, though faith cannot exist in an unrepentant heart.
Absolution	resurrection	1860	1b, 46	Absolution is a repetition of the absolving act of God in the resurrection of Christ.
Absolution	Sacrament	1860	1b, 58	Private Absolution is to be ranked with the Sacraments as a means of grace, since it is the Gospel itself.
Absolution	satisfaction	1860	1b, 51	Absolution requires, works and strengthens faith; it needs no works of satisfaction.
Adam	historical	1965	46, 101b	Adam and Eve were historical persons who fell into sin and were redeemed by Christ.
Adiaphora	majority vote	1902	5a, 81	All things in the Synodical Constitution and in congregational constitutions which are neither commanded nor forbidden by the Word may be changed by majority vote.
Adiaphora	unity	1998	60, 109b	Each should surrender his own opinions and come to a common decision about external matters that there may be uniform practice instead of disorder.
Adjudication	decisions	1992	58, 187a	All decisions of the Commission on Appeals and all unappealed decisions of a commission on adjudication are final, provided they are in accord with the clearly established doctrine of Synod.
AIDS	response	1989	57, 156a	The response to those afflicted with AIDS should reflect the ministry of the Law and the Gospel.
Anti-Semitism	Luther	1983	55, 157b	Synod deplores and disassociates itself from Luther's negative statements about the Jewish people and the use of these statements to incite anti-Lutheran sentiment.

Anti-Semitism	rejected	1979	53, 99a	We oppose all forms of anti-Semitism and love Jews even when they choose not to accept our witness.
Antichrist	Pope	1947	40, 491	The prophecies about the Antichrist have been fulfilled in the Pope of Rome.
Antichrist	Pope	1950	41, 572	The features of the Antichrist are still discernible in the Roman papacy. (Common Confession)
Appeals	circulizing	1944	39, 227	It is unethical for parties to circulize the Synod before their appeal is decided.
Art	universal	1971	49, 203a	Christian art should affirm the universality of the Gospel by being representative of humanity in general.
Assessment	fair	1977	52, 197b	Standardized instruments and procedures for pastoral and congregational characterization should be fair and open in theological and practical matters.
Auxiliaries	doctrine	1986	56, 171a	Auxiliary organizations shall honor and uphold the doctrine and practice of Synod as set forth in Scripture and the Confessions.
Ban	.cf., Discipline			
Ban	abuse	1959	44, 213	It is legalistic to arbitrarily excommunicate those who refuse to abrogate a Roman pre-marriage agreement.
Ban	appeals	1941	38, 273	The Board of Appeals may advise that a congregation revise its use of the Keys; failing to do so results in removal from Synod.
Ban	appeals	1944	39, 226	The Board of Appeals may advise that a congregation revise its use of the Keys.
Ban	application	1866	2b, 43	Only those who clearly bear the marks of unbelief should be excommunicated.
Ban	application	1866	2b, 47 f	One may excommunicate those who break human rules only if they overstep the bounds of love in so doing.
Ban	application	1866	2b, 47	Stubborn and intractable members should not be punished with the ban, only those with manifest and gross sins.

Ban	application	1866	2b, 48 f	One should not excommunicate those who sin out of weakness, but do not knowingly despise God's revealed truth.
Ban	application	1866	2b, 49	One does not excommunicate on the basis of feelings or moral conviction but on the basis of God's Word.
Ban	binding	1860	1b, 54	The binding key is unerring when it is used according to Matthew 18, against the openly unrepentant.
Ban	honored	1866	2b, 45	A congregation should not receive an member excommunicated from another congregation unless it decides that the excommunication was wrong.
Ban	effect	1866	2b, 44 f	Excommunication removes unrepentant sinners from the kingdom of God and the local congregation.
Ban	efficacy	1890	3f, 89	Excommunication is still effective even when the excommunicated member appeals to the Synod to judge his case.
Ban	false	1866	2b, 43	A false ban does not damn those who believe.
Ban	grounds	1905	5b, 165	A Christian congregation rightly excommunicates a belligerent member.
Ban	purpose	1866	2b, 45	Excommunication is a loving correction of a stubborn sinner.
Ban	unanimity	1941	38, 274	Appeals cases of excommunication require a unanimous judgment.
Ban	unanimity	1944	39, 226	Appeals cases of excommunication require a unanimous judgment.
Baptism	benefit	1947	40, 483	Baptism works the remission of sin, a washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.
Baptism	benefit	1950	41, 569	In Baptism, God adopts men and gives the benefits of Christ, also to infants. (Common Confession)
Baptism	children	1857	1, 398	Christ, who baptizes through the priest, works faith and gives the Spirit to the infant.
Baptism	confession	1850	1, 138	The Word expressly calls for a verbal expression of faith at Baptism.
Baptism	doctrine	1971	49, 120a	Synod encourages fidelity the doctrine of Baptism as contained in

Scripture and the Confessions.

Baptism	faith	1857	1, 355	God is not bound to work faith in the child at the pouring of the water, but may give faith even previously.
Baptism	faith	1857	1, 397	Baptism certainly works faith in infants, because they don't fight against the Spirit; it strengthens the faith of adults if they don't fight against it.
Baptism	emergency	1847	1, 19	Fathers are to be encouraged to baptize their own children rather than allow a sectarian pastor do it.
Baptism	faith	1857	1, 355	Baptism works faith; the Word either before or in Baptism works the same faith.
Baptism	faith	1857	1, 396	Baptism does no one any good without faith. <i>Ex opere operato</i> is rejected.
Baptism	faith	1857	1, 396	Baptism, like the Word, works the faith which it requires.
Baptism	faith	1971	49, 120b	Baptismal practice should aid parents and sponsors to desire a life of repentance and faith in the Gospel.
Baptism	means of grace	1857	1, 396	Baptism is an instrument or means through which grace and salvation are offered.
Baptism	means of grace	1850	1, 136 f	Complete salvation is brought through Baptism, the full enjoyment of the gifts of divine grace.
Baptism	rebirth	1851	1, 172 f	All who believe are born again, even if Baptism itself is missing. Baptism confirms and strengthens those who believed previously.
Baptism	schismatics	1848	1, 54	A pastor may baptize the infants of parents not erring about the meaning of Baptism.
Baptism	Spirit	1977	52, 131b	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach Baptism with the Holy Spirit as a second experience.
Baptism	sponsors	1848	1, 54 f	The sponsor's faith is not essential to Baptism, but they do make a serious oath.
Baptism	sponsors	1857	1, 355	Sponsors confess the creed for the child about to be baptized in the confidence that God desires to work such faith in the child.

Believer	access	1950	41, 571	All believers have the right of direct access to God without a human mediator. (Common Confession)
Believer	race	1969	48, 140b	The priesthood of all believers does not depend on race.
Bible	.Cf., New Testament, Word of God, Means of Grace, Sacraments			
Bible	hermeneutic	1977	52, 133a	Any view of the Bible and method of interpretation that diminishes its character as not of this world is rejected.
Bible	inerrant	1977	52, 133a	The Scriptures are God's very own inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word for all matters of doctrine and practice.
Bible	inspired	1979	53, 99a	The New Testament as well as the Old is the verbally inspired Word of God.
Bible	King James	1929	12, 134	It is neither necessary nor wise to revise the King James Version.
Bible	Word of God	1969	48, 85b	"Answers to Questions Raised regarding the document 'A Lutheran Stance . . .'" is a helpful explanation of the original document.
Bible	theology	1959	44, 219	The Bible has a central place in Lutheran theology.
Bible	translations	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Bible	versions	1956	43, 334	New versions of the Bible may be used with proper caution and safeguards.
Bible	versions	1956	43, 334	Synod refrains from adopting any version as its official Scripture.
Bible Society	support	1947	40, 623	Congregations are urged to support the American Bible Society.
Bible Society	support	1967	47, 159b	Synod encourages support of the American Bible Society since it benefits the mission and education program of the Synod.
Black power	affirmed	1969	48, 148b	The ministry of black members as they empower others in their communities is an appropriate expression of the use of the variety of gifts in the Church.
Body	personhood	1986	56, 130b	Pornography abstracts and divorces bodily functions from personhood, viewing others as vehicles for gratification, not as persons created in the image of God.

Body	person	1986	56, 131a	The separation of bodily functions and person is foreign to the Scriptures.
Boy Scouts	endorsement	1932	13, 110	Synod cannot endorse the Boy Scout movement in its present state.
Boy Scouts	endorsement	1938	37, 341	Synod cannot endorse any secular movement, including Boy Scouts.
Boy Scouts	membership	1938	37, 341	Non-Lutheran troops typically have naturalistic and unionistic tendencies; such membership cannot be sanctioned.
Boy Scouts	position	1953	42, 556	Synod urges congregations to avoid extremes in the matter of Boy Scouts, lest consciences be burdened.
Boy Scouts	approval	1959	44, 270	The matter of scouting should be left to the individual congregation to decide.
Brief Statement	adopted	1932	13, 155	Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod is adopted.
Brief Statement	appended	1938	37, 231	The Brief Statement together with the explanatory Declaration of the ALC and the synodical report provide the doctrinal basis for fellowship with the ALC.
Brief Statement	reaffirmed	1941	38, 302	The Brief Statement correctly expresses the doctrine of the Synod, though some statements may need clarification.
Brief Statement	reaffirmed	1947	40, 476	The Brief Statement correctly expresses the doctrinal position of the synod.
Calendar	.cf., Festivals, Easter			
Calendar	1983		55, 147a	The practice of designating Sundays for purposes other than those assigned by the liturgical year is to be used most cautiously.
Call	consideration	1953	42, 480	Teachers should remember the law of Christian love when dealing with a call or transfer.
Call	designated	1981	54, 187a	A designated call identifies a specific candidate.
Call	disability	1971	49, 207a	The District President shall have the authority to place a disabled Church worker on CRM status or leave of absence status.

Call	duration	1981	54, 186b	A call for a teacher may be for limited period of time (untenured) or unlimited (tenured).
Call	duration	1981	54, 188b	A call for a teacher may be permanent (with tenure) or temporary (without tenure).
Call	eligibility	1981	54, 186b	Men and women educators eligible to receive calls should not be otherwise employed.
Call	interview	1981	54, 188a	During an interview, a promised acceptance may not be solicited or given prior to the extension of a call.
Call	list	1998	60, 172b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Call	necessity	1983	55, 187b	Clergy and teachers who are appointed to positions requiring clergymen or teachers shall receive a solemn call.
Call	open	1981	54, 187a	An open call details the position but does not identify the candidate.
Call	prayer	1981	54, 187b	While interviews with teacher candidates are possible, prayer for the guidance of the Spirit is essential.
Call	seminary president	1998	60, 131b	The Board of Regents of a college or seminary issues a call to fill the position of president.
Call	to salvation	1881	3c, 33f	God seriously calls through the means of Grace that all may come to faith and be eternally saved. (Election Thesis 3)
Call	professor	1962	45, 75b	A valid election to an associate professorship may take place even if only one candidate has been nominated.
Call	recertified	1998	60, 121a	Recertification of pastors is contrary to the Lutheran Confessions.
Call	retained	1908	5c, 146	A pastor retains his call to a congregation even in the case when he receives another call (which he rejects) and his first congregation does not unanimously think he should stay
Call	temporary	1935	14, 100	Temporary appointment of teachers does not serve the school nor is it fair to candidates.

Calvinism	rejected	1947	40, 481	Calvinists deny the universality of grace in order to solve the mystery of conversion. (Brief Statement, 16)
Candidates	doctrine	1989	57, 147b	Candidates for the presidency of a synodical institution shall be investigated if charges of false doctrine or offensive life are made.
Canon	authority	1849	1, 90 f	Church tradition is a witness to the authority of the N.T. canon, which proves its divine nature by internal and external proofs.
Canon	Revelation	1857	1, 336	The Synod confesses that the Book of Revelation is the work of an Apostle and contains God's Word from beginning to end.
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Canon	Revelation	1857	1, 389	Although the Synod cannot elevate Revelation to the level of homologoumena, she accepts it as a gift from Christ, the crown of Scripture.
Canon	uncertain	1857	1, 336 f	The Lutheran Church, as the ancient Church, cannot declare with certainty whether the antilegoumena have apostolic authority.
Catechesis	instruction	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Catechesis	materials	1995	59, 113b	Pastors and congregations should provide thorough Lutheran catechetical instruction that uses the Scriptures, the Catechisms, and a hymnal.
Catechism	translation	1926	11, 163	Although only the German text of the Small Catechism is the official confessional document, use of an English translation should be limited to the synodical publication. Private English editions should not be circulated.
Catechism	Synodical	1896	4b, 113	The Schwan Catechism is accepted as the Synod's own, for it contains the pure doctrine of the divine Word.
Catechism	Table of Duties	1998	60, 116b	The Table of Duties in Luther's Catechism instructs how pastors and hearers are to govern their conduct according to the Word of God.
Catechism	translation	1967	47, 144b	Synod approves the Intersynodical Translation of the Small Catechism with various revisions.
Catechism	wording	1944	39, 293	The phrase, "Given and shed for you," while not a direct quote from

			Christ, does not obscure the doctrine of the Sacrament.
Ceremonies	adiaphora	1849 1, 97	Church agendas are not to bind consciences.
Chaplain	call	1965 46, 169b	Districts should call and install all institutional chaplains.
Chaplain	removal	1962 45, 130b	Chaplains who depart from Scriptural teachings and practice or persist in ungodly life will lose synodical endorsement.
Chaplaincy	mandate	1981 54, 206b	Chaplaincy programs of pastoral care has the mandate of Scripture.
Charismata	rejected	1979 53, 121b	Synod reaffirms its position on Charismatic teaching.
Charismatic doctrine	rejected	1977 52, 132a	Charismatic doctrines add to the Gospel and are dangerous to salvation.
Charity	preference	1947 40, 664	The Word of God requires that relief preference be given to those in the “household of faith.”
Charity	preference	1950 41, 860	Preference in all matters of spiritual and physical relief shall be given to those in “the household of faith.”
Charity	race	1956 43, 759	When problems arise in race relations, Christians should love one another in the same Lord and Spirit who dwells in all by Word and Sacrament.
Children	education	1890 3f, 83	The Word of God requires Christian parents to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord; therefore parents who let their children be raised in schools should only send them to Christian schools.
Children	education	1890 3f, 83	Irreligious state schools endanger the spiritual lives of the children who attend them.
Children	literature	1935 14, 235	Every effort should be made to provide children’s literature that presents no danger to the soul.
Christ	atonement	1967 47, 95a	Christ has made atonement for the sins of the whole world and propitiated God’s wrath against sin.
Christ	descent	1971 49, 117b	The wording “He descended into hell” is to be currently retained in the creed.
Christ	glorification	1950 41, 568	The resurrection shows that God accepted the atonement for man’s sin;

now Christ, the exalted God-man, will reign forever as Lord. (Common Confession)

Christ	imitation	1998	60, 150b	Christians are to be imitators of Christ, growing in Him in the midst of all conflict.
Christ	Messiah	1979	53, 99a	Jesus is the promised Messiah, who fulfilled the prophecies and provided complete atonement for all people, Jew and Gentile alike.
Christ	people	1998	60, 102b	The vision of Synod includes being Christ-centered and people-sensitive.
Christ	redemption	1969	48, 139a	The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has redeemed all people.
Christ	redemption	1971	49, 186a	In Christ God offers the only final relief for man's sinfulness.
Christ	redemption	1971	49, 186a	God offered the antidote to sin's effects in the sacrifice of his Son that brings forgiveness and the gifts needed to accept his offer.
Christ	resurrection	1967	47, 95a	Christ rose from the dead glorified in His flesh (<i>sarx</i>).
Christ	return	1857	1, 343	Christ could return in judgment any moment.
Christ	return	1857	1, 339 f	Christ will return on the Last Day to judge the world, end his kingdom of grace and bring in his kingdom of glory.
Christ	the only way	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Christ	salvation of Jews	1983	55, 142b	The Messiah, Jesus, is the only way for all people (including Jews) to be reconciled with God.
Christ	Word of God	1969	48, 85a	Jesus Christ is man's only Redeemer, the very Word of our salvation.
Christian	ambassador	1986	56, 127a	Congregational members help each other to be ambassadors for Christ.
Christian	life	1969	48, 83a	Christians demonstrate the reality of the new creation in living their lives as a worshipful response to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
Christian	purpose	1971	49, 187a	Being "in mission" is the primary purpose of our lives.
Christian	race	1969	48, 140b	The priesthood of all believers does not depend on race.
Church	visible	1971	49, 117b	The terms "visible" and "invisible" correctly set forth the doctrine of the

			Church found in the Scriptures and the Confessions.
Church	among sects	1851 1, 171	The true Church is also to be found in unorthodox congregations where Word and Sacraments are not entirely denied.
Church	authority	1992 58, 141b	Fitness for ministry and other theological matters must be determined within the Church.
Church	building	1849 1, 43	It is permissible to share a church building with a congregation of a different confession.
Church	character	1866 2b, 40	The one Christian Church on earth is the collection of all true believers in Christ.
Church	character	1866 2b, 51	There are not two Churches, one visible and one invisible; Word and Sacrament are marks of the invisible Church.
Church	character	1866 2b, 52 f	The spiritual, hidden nature of the Church is affirmed by a lengthy quote from the Apology.
Church	character	1866 2b, 54	The Church is not a visible kingdom, like a state, with ranks of officials, rulers and ruled.
Church	character	1866 2b, 59 f	That only saints belong to the Church is affirmed by quotations from orthodox theologians.
Church	character	1866 2b, 67	The characteristics of the Church (one, holy catholic, loving) must not be confused with its marks.
Church	character	1967 47, 162a	The Church is a “pilgrim body” which marches forward, obedient to faith, accepting opportunities and overcoming trials until her final consummation in glory.
Church	community	1969 48, 138b	The Church needs to see civic and community projects as cooperative efforts, not competitors.
Church	confession	1950 41, 571	The Church has the duty to be steadfast in her confession, fight error, and direct her practice by the Scriptures. (Common Confession)
Church	confessional	1986 56, 139a	To be a confessional Church means there is content to our faith, content to our love, content to our caring, content to our evangelism and witness.

Church	congregation	1866	2b, 72	Church and congregation are full synonyms.
Church	cross	1947	40, 491	The Church will remain under the cross until the end of the world. (Brief Statement, 42)
Church	definition	1866	2b, 49 f	The Church is the gathering of all believers (AC 7, 8); a number of people who believe.
Church	discipline	1850	1, 138	Even when a pastor cannot excommunicate an unrepentant member, he must still admonish and withhold the Lord's Supper.
Church	discipline	1884	3d, 94	It is wrong to leave a congregation which errs in discipline due to weakness.
Church	discipline	1944	39, 221	District officials shall deal with accused members according to the Word of God.
Church	discipline	1947	40, 473	A pastor should deal with another according to Matt. 18, when he disagrees with the other's lodge practice.
Church	discipline	1959	44, 213	Only faith-destroying impenitence, not weakness, warrants the full application of Matt. 18:15-18.
Church	discipline	1969	48, 140b	Un-Scriptural practices, including racism, should be dealt with in accordance with Matthew 18.
Church	disunity	1971	49, 119a	Disunity in the Church is displeasing to our Lord.
Church	division	1853	1, 253 f	Christians must depart from a Church which does not tolerate witnesses to the truth.
Church	essence	1866	2b, 67 f	Word and Sacrament do not belong to the essence of the Church, the people of God.
Church Growth	evaluation	1995	59, 123b	Some Church Growth materials and practices contain errors and some may be used in the service of the Gospel.
Church	evangelism	1969	48, 84a	The people of God are God's epistles, speaking the Gospel to God's people wherever they are.
Church	fallen member	1848	1, 53	The returning member need not endure a test-period to show proofs of improvement.

Church	family	1969	48, 138a	God's people must become aware of their oneness as the family of believers of all ages.
Church	foundation	1866	2b, 40 f	Christ is the rock on which the Church is built.
Church	gathered	1866	2b, 50	AC 7 speaks of the invisible gathering of the Church, the collection of all true believers in the world; not a visible congregation.
Church	God's mission	1965	46, 80a	The Church is God's mission; every activity has a missionary dimension.
Church	growth	1850	1, 133	Every pastor is responsible for the extension of the Church in his area.
Church	growth	1962	45, 120b	The Gospel and Sacraments are the only means of building Christ's Church and overcoming its enemies.
Church	growth	1977	52, 117a	Church Growth principles should be put into action to evangelize the nation and the world.
Church	heavenly	1950	41, 571	The Church has no earthly reign. It is a kingdom of the cross until Christ's return. (Common Confession)
Church	heterodox	1947	40, 485	The Church remains wherever the Word of God is found, even with error, so long as men are brought to faith. (Brief Statement, 26).
Church	inviolability	1950	41, 571	The gates of hell will not prevail against the Church. (Common Confession)
Church	inviolability	1950	41, 572	The Church will exist and endure according to the promises of Christ, until His return. (Common Confession)
Church	invisible	1866	2b, 55 f	The Church is hidden in the hearts, souls and spirits of people of the body of Christ, found only by the marks of the Church.
Church	invisible	1947	40, 484	The Church is invisible, since faith can be seen by God alone. (Brief Statement, 25)
Church	keys	1848	1, 53	Congregation should be involved in the procedure for receiving back the fallen.
Church	keys	1851	1, 172	Although the Church possesses all heavenly goods, rights, offices and

powers, their exercise is arranged in a God-pleasing order.

Church	liberty	1969	48, 138b	The Church needs see that it is free to celebrate and proclaim the Gospel in a variety of ways.
Church	local	1947	40, 485	The local Church is not different than the one Church, since it also consists only of believers. (Brief Statement, 27)
Church	mandate	1950	41, 571	The Church has the commission to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments. (Common Confession)
Church	marks	1866	2b, 49 f	The mark of the Church is the pure Gospel and Sacraments; marks do not belong to the essence of the Church.
Church	marks	1866	2b, 50 f	Even if the marks of the Church are not perfectly manifest, a congregation is yet the Church.
Church	marks	1866	2b, 64 f	The one, holy, Christian Church cannot be seen, only believed to be present where the Word is preached purely and Sacraments rightly administered.
Church	marks	1866	2b, 68 f	Sacraments as a visible Word belong to the marks of the Church along with the audible Word; proofs from the Confessions.
Church	marks	1947	40, 484	The means of grace are the marks of the Church, not a visible part of the Church. (Brief Statement, 25)
Church	members	1866	2b, 41	All who partake of the life and Spirit, the merits and righteousness of Christ by faith are members of the Church.
Church	members	1866	2b, 42	Those who stubbornly and against conscience leave the Lutheran Church separate themselves from Christ; they abandon the acknowledged truth.
Church	members	1866	2b, 42	Luther could confess that only the elect are members of the Church, for only such remain in the Church for eternity.
Church	members	1866	2b, 43	Those with an erring conscience who depart the Lutheran Church do not abandon their membership in the one Church.
Church	members	1866	2b, 57 f	Grabau falsely teaches that godless people belong to the Church, that his ban is always a ban of the holy Church.

Church	membership	1847	1, 15	Not just the pastor and elders belong to the Church.
Church	membership	1852	1, 223	Members should not be accepted into the congregation without first registering with the pastor.
Church	membership	1866	2b, 43	It is the law of God for all Christians to remain with the true, orthodox Church and to avoid false teachers.
Church	membership	1866	2b, 56	Church membership is a special relationship of the soul to Christ.
Church	membership	1947	40, 484	Only Christians (believers) compose the Church. (Brief Statement, 24)
Church	membership	1995	59, 114a	Individuals should receive thorough instruction in the Word before they are accepted into Church membership.
Church	mission	1956	43, 758	The Church's chief function is to spread the news of Christ to all, irrespective of nation or race.
Church	mission	1965	46, 79b	Mission is not an optional activity for the Church, which is caught up in the mission of God.
Church	mission	1967	47, 152a	Times of national crisis offer the Church opportunity to proclaim the Gospel of peace and serve those who suffer.
Church	nature	1847	1, 15	The Church is not a visible body.
Church	new members	1850	1, 142	New members should yield to the standing practice of the congregation.
Church	office	1866	2b, 59	Ungodly pastors retain their office but not their membership in the Church.
Church and	office	1896	4b, 129	The pastor is the divinely appointed teacher Ministry of the congregation; he himself turns to others for doctrinal help, if necessary. The congregation may not initiate such a request.
Church	offices	1923	10, 141	The Church should create new offices when they are necessary and salutary.
Church	one	1947	40, 484	There is one holy Christian Church, gathered, preserved, and governed by Christ through the Gospel. (Brief Statement, 24)
Church	one	1950	41, 571	All believers constitute one, holy, apostolic, and catholic Church with Christ as its Head. (Common Confession)

Church	orthodox	1947	40, 485	Doctrine actually taught in pulpits, schools, and publications determines the orthodoxy of a Church. (Brief Statement, 29)
Church	peace	1938	37, 237	The peace of the Church should not be disturbed by publications charging false doctrine before Synod has reviewed the case.
Church	politics	1902	5a, 80	Interest groups in the Church distract the Church from building the kingdom of God and lead to liberal practice and disunity.
Church	preservation	1848	1, 58	The Church is not preserved by the Synod, but only by Word and Sacraments.
Church	purpose	1969	48, 138b	The gathered Church is not an end in itself. It is the means of giving itself to the world.
Church	reconciling	1911	6, 188	Those in the Church who have disagreed should have available to them all possible means of reconciliation which do not contradict God's Word.
Church	relations	1986	56, 170b	Representatives shall participate in inter-Lutheran entities according to the theological and constitutional principles of the Synod.
Church	reports	1847	1, 15	Obedying congregational orders and believing reports are not required for membership.
Church	rights	1863	2a, 31	A congregation's right to call is not diminished by seeking advice, e.g., from a district president.
Church	rights	1947	40, 486	Christians originally possess the spiritual rights given by Christ to the Church. (Brief Statement, 30)
Church	saints	1866	2b, 54	The godless do not belong to the Church.
Church	saints	1866	2b, 56 f	The holy nature of the Church is affirmed through a quote by the Large Catechism. Church is a communion of saints, true believers.
Church	saints	1866	2b, 58	The holiness of the Church consists partly in the inner, sanctified life of its members.
Church	salvation	1866	2b, 44	Strictly speaking, it is not necessary for salvation to belong to the visible, orthodox Church.

Church	sects	1866	2b, 43	The Church is also among the sects. All who trust in Christ and do not contradict a better knowledge of the truth are members of the Church.
Church	State	1884	3d, 92	Civil courts may be used to decide matters between Christians.
Church	State	1890	3f, 84	The Word of God itself requires a division of Church and state.
Church	State	1914	7, 56	Synod protests the legalization of so-called Columbus Day, established by the intrigues of the Roman curia.
Church	State	1914	7, 56	The President of the Synod is authorized to protest in the name of the Synod any endeavors which confound Church and State.
Church	State	1947	40, 487	We condemn policies of mixing Church and State.
Church	State	1947	40, 487	God accomplishes different ends and uses different means through Church and State. (Brief Statement, 34)
Church	State	1962	45, 117b	Synod opposes specific types of government aid to non-public schools, since they entail some degree of control.
Church	State	1967	47, 152a	The Church must support the government, while working as an instrument of God's grace and healing.
Church	State	1967	47, 152a	The Church is not a political influence group, but should speak publicly in areas of its competence.
Church	structure	1847	1, 10	Defense of freedom to form synodical structure.
Church	structure	1872	2d, 92	The Bible shows that the Church should be organized by geographic sections, not by personal preferences.
Church	synod-order	1848	1, 58	Synodical order is neither absolutely necessary for the Church nor a divine order.
Church	true nature	1851	1, 170	The Church is invisible, believers and saints, found around pure Word and Sacraments, possesses all heavenly goods, rights, offices, powers.
Church	true	1851	1, 171	True saints not gathered only in the Lutheran Church.
Church	unity	1848	1, 42	Leaving the Synod does not necessarily break the unity of faith and love.

Church	unity	1851	1, 171	Membership in the Lutheran Church does not separate one from other true Christians.
Church	unity	1962	45, 110a	The pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments are the basis for the unity of the Church.
Church	unity	1971	49, 119a	The Spirit, through the inspired and sanctifying Word, will assure peace and harmony in the Church.
Church	unity	1983	55, 153b	We pray that the Spirit grant unity and concord to the visible Church on the basis of a pure understanding of the doctrine revealed in Scripture.
Church	unity	1995	59, 109a	It is the will of God that we live in peace and unity with one another.
Church	unity	1998	60, 118b	We are to bear with one another in love, keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and submitting to one another in the fear of God.
Church	visible	1866	2b, 61 f	The Church is visible, i.e., recognizable, as it gathers around the orthodox preaching office.
Church	visible	1866	2b, 71	In an inexact way, visible congregations and their ungodly members are named “churches.”
Church	work	1977	52, 132a	Members of congregations have a right and responsibility to participate in the spiritual work of the Church.
Church	world	1969	48, 138a	God’s people must seek their role as active servants of the world, speaking the Gospel and applying it to current issues.
Church and Ministry		Absolution	1848	1, 57 The office is only an official administration of the keys given to the whole Church.
Church and Ministry		Absolution	1860	1b, 43 Every creature has the right to proclaim that our sins are forgiven.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 31	The consultation of pastors does not belong to the essence of a call, but it is wholesome.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 33 f	The Apostles’ example and the Confessions show that pastors should advise a congregation’s calling process.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 36	Every voting member of the congregation should be offered

the opportunity to recommend a candidate.

Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 37	A congregation alone can make a valid and godly call; with the advice of pastors, the call can also be careful, wise and with proper humility.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 37	A pastor has the responsibility to advise the congregation in calling a second pastor.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 38 f	Test sermons are not in themselves wrong. They may be delivered by candidates, but not by pastors who just want to leave their call.
Church and Ministry	call	1863	2a, 39	The teaching office should also advise the call process.
Church and Ministry	<i>Hirtenbrief</i>		1849 1, 97	Confuses divine and human orders; attributes too much to the office, too little to the spiritual priesthood.
Church and Ministry	keys	1850	1, 142	The pastor conducts his office in the name and by the commission of his congregation.
Church and Ministry	keys	1850	1, 151	The congregation directly possesses the keys.
Church and Ministry	keys	1866	2b, 45	God has the supreme right of the keys; the Church, the delegated right which it transfers to its administrators.
Church and Ministry	obedience		1849 1, 97	The Church must obey only when the pastor preaches God's Word.
Church and Ministry	office	1863	2a, 54	One who no longer has a congregation behind him cannot speak "by virtue of my office."
Church and Ministry	separation		1850 1, 148	Congregation members have the duty to separate themselves from a pastor who insists on abusing authority.
Church and Ministry	Theses		1851 1, 170	Walther's theses adopted.
Church worker care		1989 57, 104b		Districts have a responsibility to provide Christian therapeutic and remedial care for Church workers.
Church worker pay		1956 43, 291		Congregations must provide adequate salaries for their servants. The

			laborer is worthy of his hire.
Church worker	pay	1967 47, 107a	Congregations have a responsibility before God to provide for the welfare of the servants of God and the congregation.
Church worker	professional	1998 60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Church worker	support	1914 7, 51	The support of invalid ministers and teachers should be based on the same passages by which support for those still active in service is enjoined (Lk 10:7; 1 Co 9:14; 1 Ti 5:17-18; 1 Co 9:7-11).
Church worker	support	1935 14, 284	The Synod is obligated to help support incapacitated pastors, teachers, and their dependents.
Church worker	support	1965 46, 175a	Cases of need for support and pensions shall be judged by merit and in Christian love.
Church worker	Synodical	1969 48, 120b	Congregations which call pastors and teachers who are not members of Synod shall forfeit their membership from Synod.
Circuit	counselor	1989 57, 137b	The circuit counselor is to help the District President in doctrinal and spiritual supervision.
Circuit	counselor	1989 57, 137b	The circuit counselor is to remind God's people of their responsibilities and the privilege of being about His mission as the universal priesthood of all believers.
Circuit	counselor	1989 57, 138a	The circuit counselor is to conduct his official visits in an evangelical manner and not resort to legalistic measures.
Circuit	counselor	1989 57, 138a	The circuit counselor is to come to the pastor as brotherly adviser, reminding him of the glory of the ministry and its great responsibilities.
Circularizing	sin	1950 41, 662	Personal attacks on fellow members of Synod, spoken or printed, are sinful.
Citizenship	.Cf., Church, State, Courts		
Citizenship	Christian	1965 46, 81a	God commands that Christian work together with others to seek peace for their society.
Citizenship	Christian	1971 49, 199a	Christians must share responsibility for defining foreign policy.

Citizenship	Christian	1971	49, 205b	Every Christian has a responsibility to control and influence public life by Christian example.
Citizenship	Christian	1986	56, 135a	Registering and voting is a matter of good Christian citizenship.
Citizenship	Christian	1995	59, 141a	Members are encouraged to exercise their responsibility as Christian citizens to influence legislation for the protection of all human life.
Citizenship	Christian	1998	60, 124a	Members of Synod have a duty as Christian citizens make decisions about communicating discontent to those who promote immoral lifestyles.
Citizenship	Christian	1998	60, 172b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Citizenship	guidelines	1969	48, 86b	The CTCR document, “Guidelines for Crucial Issues in Christian Citizenship” is commended to members for reference and guidance.
Citizenship	influence	1983	55, 140a	Christians, armed with Law and Gospel, will surely influence the secular world in beneficial ways.
Citizenship	involvement	1983	55, 140a	Christians should take an active part in social, economic, and political issues.
Clericalism	rejected	1965	46, 81b	Viewing the congregation as merely an instrument to sustain the ordained smothers the gifts of the Spirit.
Cloning	rejected	1998	60, 120a	Any technique or method of human cloning that results in the destruction of embryos or the creation of embryos for research or organ harvesting is against God’s Word.
Colloquy	standards	1995	59, 137a	Colloquy applicants shall understand and agree with the scriptural and doctrinal positions of Synod.
Common Confession		Biblical	1956	43, 504 The Common Confession does not conflict with either the Bible or the Lutheran Confessions.
Communion	close	1977	52, 133b	Pastors and congregations only commune individuals of those Synods now in fellowship with Synod, except in situations of emergency and in special cases of pastoral care.
Communion	close	1983	55, 158b	Congregations and pastors are to abide by the practice of “close” communion.

Communion	close	1986	56, 143b	The Synod abides by the practice of close communion, which includes the necessity of pastoral care in extraordinary situations.
Communion	closed	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Communion	lodge members	1929	12, 118	Pastors should commune lodge members only after consultation with their congregation and others in the Synod.
Communion	lodge members	1932	13, 176	Pastors should be free to decide whether a lodge member should be communed in an exceptional case.
Communion	lodge members	1932	13, 177	Since the Lord's Supper proclaims the death of Christ, lodge members must renounce their membership before communing.
Communion	lodge members	1932	13, 178	In exceptional cases, pastors themselves decide whether a lodge member may commune.
Communion	practice	1971	49, 127b	Confirmation and first communion practice should help members receive the Sacrament with blessing and continue in spiritual growth.
Communism	danger	1962	45, 164b	Atheistic Communism and materialism are perpetual dangers.
Conduct	campus	1992	58, 147a	Each faculty shall develop policies worthy of the Christian faith for personal conduct and community life applicable.
Conference	official	1986	56, 174a	Official conferences shall be conducted for the spiritual and professional growth of members, including a discussion of doctrine and practice.
Conferences	intersynodical	1986	56, 174a	Intersynodical conferences for the study of theology are desirable and are encouraged on a regular basis.
Confession	affirmed	1896	4b, 113	The Book of Concord of 1580 is a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine. (Articles of Incorporation)
Confession	affirmed	1896	4b, 114	The Book of Concord of 1580 is a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine. (Articles of Incorporation)
Confession 1860	institution 1b, 57	1860	1b, 38	Christ did not institute private confession of sins.
Confession	principles	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.

Confession	public	1893	4a, 139	The Synod must take advantage of the opportunity to give public confession of its faith or give the appearance of wicked apathy.
Confessional	Synod	1998	60, 102b	The vision of Synod includes being faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
Confessional	title	1995	59, 156b	The use of the term “confessional” by a group does not imply that nonmembers are disloyal or wanting in their approach to the Scriptures and Confessions.
Confessions	authority	1947	40, 492	Confessional obligation does not extend to historical statements or purely exegetical questions. (Brief Statement, 48)
Confessions	authority	1947	40, 492	Confessional obligation covers all doctrines, also those introduced merely as support. (Brief Statement, 48)
Confessions	authority	1947	40, 492	The Confessions are binding because they are the doctrines of the Scripture itself. (Brief Statement, 46)
Confessions	authority	1971	49, 115a	All religious controversies are to be regulated by the Confessions.
Confessions	catholic	1849	1, 91	In their origin, the Confessions belong to a particular church; in content they are catholic.
Confessions	Christ	1986	56, 139a	The content of the Church’s confession is based on the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.
Confessions	Church	1863	2a, 42	An orthodox Lutheran denomination need not officially confess all the books in our Book of Concord.
Confessions	correct	1947	40, 476	The Lutheran Confessions are the correct exposition of the doctrines of the Scriptures.
Confessions	faithful	1967	47, 92a	We pray that God keep us faithful to the confessions as a true and faithful exposition of the Word of God.
Confessions	freedom	1863	2a, 39	The Book of Concord safeguards a congregation’s freedom.
Confessions	lay members	1863	2a, 40	One should not require new members to be thoroughly acquainted with the Book of Concord; a knowledge of the Catechism and the Augsburg Confession is sufficient.

Confessions	Lutheran	1941	38, 236	The Synodical Conference holds to the Book of Concord of 1580.
Confessions	purpose	1947	40, 492	The Book of Concord (1580) is a confession of the doctrines of Scripture to refute those who deny them. (Brief Statement, 45)
Confessions	purpose	1965	46, 80b	The Lutheran Confessions are used to confess Christ and His Gospel boldly and lovingly to all Christians.
Confessions	relevance	1863	2a, 40	The Lutheran Confessions must not be relativized, as though they cannot be fully confessed today with the same meaning.
Confessions	subscription	1947	40, 492	Those in the public ministry teach according to the Symbols “because” they agree with Scripture. (Brief Statement, 47)
Confessions	subscription	1950	41, 572	The Book of Concord (1580) is the true exhibition of the truths of Scriptures to which Lutheran pastors are rightly required to subscribe. (Common Confession)
Confessions	subscription	1962	45, 110a	The Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church are a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God.
Confessions	subscription	1965	46, 98a	Synod reaffirms its “quia” subscription to the Lutheran Confessions.
Confessions	witness	1979	53, 119b	The Confessions re tools for Scriptural witness to the Gospel to all people and are a valuable resource for daily discipleship.
Confirmation	Catechism	1977	52, 188a	Confirmands should receive thorough instruction in the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism.
Conflict	abuses	1962	45, 112a	Synod deplores the unchristian practices which have arisen from the disagreements in its midst.
Conflict	admonished	1983	55, 153b	Contentious persons, constantly seeking to “expose” the error of others, are to be admonished for inciting division.
Conflict	Church	1992	58, 141a	Christians should settle their differences by laying them before the members of the brotherhood.
Conflict	healing	1995	59, 112b	We use the means of grace, distinguishing Law and Gospel, to expose, remove, and heal divisions caused by sin.

Conflict	love	1956	43, 553	All should exercise brotherly love when expressing themselves on controversial issues.
Conflict	opportunity	1998	60, 150b	Conflict is an opportunity to serve other in a spirit of love and gentleness, setting an example for all believers.
Conflict	resolution	1992	58, 141a	Disputes, disagreements, and offenses are a matter of grave concern for the whole Church and should be settled promptly with the attitude of Christ.
Conflict	resolution	1992	58, 146a	Complaints which could lead to expulsion from Synod shall be dealt with in compliance with Matt. 18:15-16.
Conflict	resolution	1998	60, 150b	Resolving conflicts in a Christian way fulfills the law of Christ and brings glory to our Father.
Conflict	witness	1998	60, 150a	In any conflict, we strive to glorify God, show Him honor, bring Him praise, and give a positive witness for what He has done for us through Christ.
Congregation	activities	1986	56, 127a	Congregations witness to the saving power of the Gospel, learn and teach the Gospel, serve others in need, and give love and resources for the ministry of the Word.
Congregation	autonomy	1965	46, 105a	The body of believers in a given place has the freedom for the Church's basic duties of proclaiming the Gospel, preserving pure doctrine and manifesting unity.
Congregation	autonomy	1965	46, 133a	Due to congregational self-government, the Board of Appeals may only ask a congregation to review its action.
Congregation	autonomy	1971	49, 156b	The congregation has the right of self-government.
Congregation	autonomy	1992	58, 143a	The congregation's right of self-government shall be recognized.
Congregation	call	1953	42, 327	A congregation or group of congregations has the full right to call servants to carry on the ministry of the Word.
Congregation	community	1983	55, 177b	Congregations should be communities where believers care for one another and share with one another those gifts which God has given for the common good.
Congregation	constitution	1986	56, 165a	Congregational constitutions shall be in harmony with Scripture, the

Confessions, and the teachings and practices of Synod.

Congregation	independence	1849	1, 98	Congregational right to independence affirmed.
Congregation	membership	1905	5b, 164	The congregation rightly expels those who stubbornly insist on disrupting its peace.
Congregation	ministry	1986	56, 127a	The local congregation is the basic unit for the ministry of the Word of God.
Congregation	ministry	1986	56, 163a	Congregations serve the Lord Jesus Christ, the members of His Body, and the world in need of His Word and love.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should include finding ways for identification and caring for inactives.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should include the goal of becoming more caring, loving, friendly, and warm.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should include training groups to make various calls.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should provide ways to learn witness skills.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should include a program of intentional assimilation.
Congregation	mission	1989	57, 95b	The mission statement of a congregation should include the outreach dimension of every function and activity.
Congregation	necessity	1950	41, 571	Christians have the duty to unite in congregations to fulfill the Church's commission. (Common Confession)
Congregation	responsibilities	1965	46, 105a	The local Church and pastor are ultimately responsible for preaching the Gospel, maintaining pure doctrine, and practicing fellowship.
Conscience	demands	1902	5a, 81	We must follow the demands of conscience with respect to the best administration of our God given tasks whether we like it or not.
Conscience	Word	1857	1, 388	The conscience is bound to the Word of God, not to "traditional interpretations" of the Word.

Constitutions	property	1977	52, 151a	Church constitutions should preferably grant Church property to those who maintain the creed of the Church, should there be a division.
Contract	fair	1869	2c, 73	A fair contract does not favor one party over another.
Convention	behavior	1998	60, 157a	The President of Synod shall conduct the convention sessions so that all things are done in a Christian manner.
Convention	departure	1899	4c, 137	It is left to the pastor's conscience whether he should leave the synodical convention for the sake of the performance of his office, e.g. for a funeral.
Convention	purpose	1950	41, 662	The convention assembles to do the work of the Lord and promote the work of the Kingdom in his name.
Convention	voting	1962	45, 134a	Synodical delegates, though responsible to their circuits, are permitted to vote according to their own conviction.
Convention	voting	1967	47, 122a	Convention delegates shall not be given specific instructions, but should vote according to their own conviction.
Convention	voting	1989	57, 136a	Congregations shall not require their delegates to vote in accordance with specific instructions, but every delegate shall be permitted to vote according to his or her own conviction.
Convention	zeal	1950	41, 662	Improper procedure followed by zealous individuals is a detriment to the convention and the work of the Kingdom.
Conversion	Calvin	1947	40, 480	Calvin's doctrine that God does not wish to convert all who hear the Word is rejected. (Brief Statement, 13)
Conversion	.cf., Experience			
Conversion	defined	1947	40, 479	Man, knowing from the law that he is a condemned sinner, is converted when he is brought to faith in the Gospel. (Brief Statement, 10)
Conversion	divine work	1947	40, 480	Conversion is wholly the work of God's grace and almighty power. (Brief Statement, 11)
Conversion	divine work	1950	41, 570	Conversion takes place when God brings the contrite sinner to faith in Christ as his Savior. (Common Confession)

Conversion	Holy Spirit	1969	48, 150a	Through confrontation with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit calls men to faith in Him who alone gives forgiveness, life, and salvation.
Conversion	rejected	1947	40, 480	Many sinners reject conversion since they resist the work of the Holy Spirit. (Brief Statement, 13)
Conversion	Spirit	1995	59, 114a	Converts must be gained by the Spirit who works in Word and Sacrament, rather than through human techniques.
Conversion	unexplainable	1947	40, 480	We cannot answer why all men are not converted (<i>crux theologorum</i>). (Brief Statement, 14)
Conversion	unexplainable	1947	40, 481	God's Word does not reveal why some are converted and others not. (Brief Statement, 15)
Courts	civil	1884	3d, 92	Civil courts may be used to decide matters between Christians.
Creation	Adam and Eve	1967	47, 95a	Adam and Eve were real, historical human beings, the first two people in the world, created pure, good and holy.
Creation	CTCR	1971	49, 116a	The CTCR document, "Creation in Biblical Perspective," is commended for reference and guidance.
Creation	doctrine	1981	54, 201b	The Biblical doctrine of creation should be emphasized on all levels of parish education.
Creation	significance	1967	47, 95b	The teaching of God's creation and man's fall are essential to the clear and pure teaching of the Gospel.
Creation	six days	1947	40, 478	God created in the manner recorded in Genesis 1 and 2. (Brief Statement, 5)
Creation	six days	1967	47, 95a	Scripture teachers and the Confessions affirm that God created all things in six days.
Creation	world	1971	49, 191b	The world is God's creation.
Creeds	historic	1998	60, 115a	Churches ought not substitute informal statements of faith for the regular use of the three general creeds of the Church in public worship.
Culture	standards	1971	49, 198a	Synod is committed to evaluating cultural standards in light of Scripture.

Customs	morality	1869	2c, 57	Neither long use nor Church Fathers sanction a custom, but Holy Scripture alone is the standard.
Damnation	cause	1881	3c, 34	People are damned not because God did not desire to save them but because of their own unbelief and rejection of God's work in them. (Election Thesis 4)
Deacon	lay	1989	57, 112a	The title deacon should be used to address a layman while temporarily serving in Word and Sacrament ministry.
Deaconess	qualification	1965	46, 138b	Candidates for entering deaconess ministry by colloquy should present testimonials of Christian character and life.
Deaconess	qualification	1981	54, 190b	Deaconesses shall provide testimonials as to Christian character and life from at least three references.
Deaconess	qualification	1992	58, 162b	Deaconesses shall provide testimonials to Christian character and life, personality, ability, and previous service.
Death	CTCR	1971	49, 109b	"A Statement on Death, Resurrection, and Immortality" is commended for reference and guidance.
Death	decision	1992	58, 117a	When the body can no longer sustain its own life and there is no hope for recovery, Christians may opt to "let nature take its course."
Death	preparation	1992	58, 117a	The time prior to death is so wrapped in mystery that no one ought forcibly to interrupt the movement of man's spirit communicating through God's Spirit with his Creator and Redeemer.
Death	spiritual	1992	58, 117a	Death is not merely a physical but a crucial spiritual event for each person.
Death penalty	approved	1967	47, 97b	Scripture and the Confessions support the use of capital punishment.
Decisions	forgiveness	1992	58, 117a	Any decisions made about death and dying have been redeemed by that forgiveness available to all who put their trust in Christ.
Disaster	opportunity	1965	46, 166a	A natural disaster can be an opportunity to "do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
Discipleship	imperfect	1965	46, 81b	Although Christ's lordship is perfect, Christian discipleship is imperfect.
Discipleship	stewardship	1983	55, 177b	Members should grow in discipleship so that the Gospel empowers people

to manage time, talent, and treasure in fulfillment of God's purpose in their lives.

Discipline	.cf., Ban			
Discipline	aim	1992	58, 141b	Conflict resolution in the Church is to lead to reconciliation, restoring the erring in a spirit of gentleness and avoiding adversarial systems.
Discipline	campus	1992	58, 147a	Each Board of Regents shall adopt a policy of principles of Christian discipline, evangelical dealing, and good order governing students.
Discipline	Church	1992	58, 141b	Matt. 18:15-20 provides the basis for Church discipline in the local congregation, and guides all Christians seeking to settle disputes.
Discipline	CTCR	1986	56, 147b	The CTCR document, "Church Discipline in the Christian Congregation," is commended for study.
Discipline	loving	1962	45, 112a	The love of God should be the informing power of Church discipline.
Discipline	method	1866	2b, 52	Those who will not obey congregational regulations should be admonished, not quickly excommunicated.
Discipline	necessity	1850	1, 140	The congregation that refuses to exercise excommunication sins against Christ (cf. 1, 138).
Discipline	procedure	1847	1, 16	Excommunication is not to be employed for trivial reasons, without judgment of congregation, or against non-members.
Discipline	purpose	1981	54, 176b	The true purpose of all disciplinary action is to gain the erring through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
Discipline	restoration	1848	1, 53	No obligation beyond general Christian duties should be placed on the returning member.
Discipline	restoration	1848	1, 53	Degrees of guilt and admonition should not be neglected.
Discipline	Synodical	1920	9, 96	A committee established to investigate an appeal against a district president should use means that do not contradict the Word of God.
Discrimination	sin	1983	55, 157b	Synod condemns all discrimination and coercion against others on account of race or religion.

Disease	incurable	1992	58, 117a	God alone knows with certainty whether a disease or injury is incurable.
Diversity	response	1971	49, 128a	The document on diversity, “Openness and Truth,” is rejected.
Divorce	desertion	1965	46, 95a	Whether desertion provides Scriptural grounds for divorce may differ in differing cases.
Doctrine	approved	1926	11, 168	District doctrinal essays should be submitted to the St. Louis faculty for approval.
Doctrine	basis	1941	38, 236	The Synodical Conference accepts the canonical Scriptures as the inspired Word of God.
Doctrine	basis	1983	55, 157b	The bases of our doctrine and practice are the Scriptures and the Confession and not Luther, as such.
Doctrine	Biblical	1969	48, 92b	Synod reaffirms its desire to follow true Biblical teaching in all its doctrines, teaching, and practice.
Doctrine	censorship	1929	12, 134	The St. Louis faculty conducts a theological review of all district proceedings.
Doctrine	Common Confession	1950	41, 585	The “Common Confession” is in harmony with the Scriptures.
Doctrine	confessional	1979	53, 109b	Service organizations shall be in accord with the doctrine and practice of Synod as set forth in Scriptures and the Confessions.
Doctrine	confessional	1979	53, 109b	Auxiliaries shall be in accord with the doctrine and practice of Synod as set forth in Scriptures and the Confessions.
Doctrine	confessional	1995	59, 109a	It is the will of God that we faithfully cling to the sound doctrine of the Word as expressed in the Lutheran Confessions.
Doctrine	conscience	1962	45, 103a	God has placed it on the conscience of all Church members to be Scriptural in doctrine and practice and to guard against the weakening of our stand.
Doctrine	correction	1926	11, 144	Every member of Synod has a responsibility to insist on the correction of doctrinally erroneous statements printed in official publications.
Doctrine	correction	1947	40, 431	Every member of Synod should insist on correction of doctrinal deviation from the Word and the Confessions in the Synod’s official organs.

Doctrine	correction	1947 40, 560	Every member of Synod should insist on correction of a doctrinal error in synodical publications.
Doctrine	correction	1950 41, 669	It is the right and duty of brethren in fellowship to call attention to disturbing matters of doctrine and practice.
Doctrine	decisions	1992 58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Doctrine	definition	1969 48, 90a	The CTCR document “A review of the Question, ‘What Is a Doctrine?’” is commended to members for reference and guidance.
Doctrine	development	1863 2a, 45	A true development of doctrine does not contradict previous symbols, but shows how much lies in them.
Doctrine	District	1967 47, 105b	Synod has jurisdiction over the doctrine and practice of its Districts.
Doctrine	errors	1866 2b, 43	Those who err in doctrine are forgiven these errors if they remain in faith.
Doctrine	exegesis	1950 41, 657	Legitimate differences of opinion may exist in purely exegetical matters, but no interpretation may contradict the analogy of faith.
Doctrine	false	1847 1, 17	Laity are to flee false teachers.
Doctrine	false	1847 1, 19	Books with false doctrine corrupt and should not be read by the people.
Doctrine	false	1969 48, 130a	A charge of false doctrine against a nominee for the office of school president shall be investigated by the Board of Electors.
Doctrine	gift of God	1969 48, 86a	The Scriptural doctrine and practice of the Synod is a gift of God’s grace and mercy.
Doctrine	Holy Spirit	1971 49, 165b	In joint study of the Word of God, the Spirit will lead Synod into all truth, as it discovers and corrects any errors in its confession.
Doctrine	maintained	1896 4b, 126	The Synod offers thanks to God who from his inexpressibly great mercy and goodness gives us his pure Word and keeps us in it.
Doctrine	official	1926 11, 144	Synod is responsible for every doctrinal statement made in its official publications.
Doctrine	official	1947 40, 431	Synod is responsible for every doctrinal statement made in its official

			organs (The Lutheran Witness, Der Lutheraner).
Doctrine	official	1947 40, 559	Synod is responsible for every doctrinal statement made in its official organs.
Doctrine	official	1956 43, 546	Synod rejects every interpretation of its official documents which disagrees with the Scriptures, the Confessions, and the Brief Statement.
Doctrine	President	1965 46, 119b	The synodical President shall provide for periodic consultations on doctrine and practice with District Presidents.
Doctrine	purity	1962 45, 105b	Synod is concerned about maintaining doctrinal purity and confessional unity.
Doctrine	questions	1947 40, 492	Since the Church rests only on the doctrine of the Apostles, open questions must remain open. (Brief Statement, 44)
Doctrine	resolutions	1971 49, 165a	Synodical doctrinal formulations are subordinate to the Confessions.
Doctrine	resolutions	1971 49, 165a	Synodical resolutions are valid interpretations of Church doctrine.
Doctrine	review	1941 38, 242	A committee of the Synodical Conference examines the doctrine in the reports of the member Churches.
Doctrine	review	1944 39, 214	The Lutheran Witness and Der Lutheraner shall be censored by the St. Louis faculty.
Doctrine	review	1979 53, 108b	Auxiliaries shall submit all material of a biblical or theological nature for doctrinal review.
Doctrine	review	1983 55, 160b	Doctrinal review will affirm or revoke certification of material based on its agreement with Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	review	1986 56, 124a	All CPH manuscripts of a religious nature shall be approved through the Synod's prescribed procedure for doctrinal review.
Doctrine	review	1986 56, 171a	Auxiliary organizations shall submit all material of a Biblical or theological nature for doctrinal review by Synod.
Doctrine	review	1992 58, 177a	All CPH materials of a religious or theological nature shall be approved through doctrinal review.

Doctrine	review	1998	60, 118b	Persons involved in doctrinal review should be sensitive to the distinction between ethnic nuances and universally applicable truth.
Doctrine	review	1998	60, 119a	Persons involved in doctrinal review should be faithful to the Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.
Doctrine	Scriptural	1965	46, 102a	There must be clear passages if there is doctrine.
Doctrine	significance	1941	38, 302	The term “non-fundamental doctrine” does not imply that any teaching of Scripture may be denied.
Doctrine	standards	1848	1, 46	Teaching at the seminary to be guided by the Word of God as understood by the Confessions.
Doctrine	standards	1971	49, 124b	The primary concern of doctrinal review is that doctrine be set forth in accord with Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	statements	1965	46, 96a	Synod will uphold and honor the doctrinal content of synodically adopted statements.
Doctrine	statements	1965	46, 98a	Doctrinal statements should receive continued study and further clarification as necessary.
Doctrine	statements	1967	47, 89a	The CTCR document, “A Declaration on the status and Use of Synodically Adopted doctrinal Statements” correctly expresses the Synod’s understanding.
Doctrine	statements	1971	49, 165a	Doctrinal statements derive their authority from the Word of God set forth from Holy Scripture.
Doctrine	statements	1977	52, 130a	Doctrinal statements set forth in greater detail the corporate position of Synod especially in controverted matters
Doctrine	statements	1986	56, 164b	Doctrinal statements set forth in greater detail the position of the Synod especially in controverted matters.
Doctrine	statements	1986	56, 164b	Doctrinal statements shall be regarded as the position of the Synod, shall be accepted and used as helpful expositions and explanations, and are to be honored and upheld.
Doctrine	study	1965	46, 101a	Doctrinal study must serve the total mission of the Church.

Doctrine	supervision	1962 45, 134b	All are encouraged to exercise the supervision of doctrine in an evangelical manner.
Doctrine	supervision	1969 48, 109a	The synodical President should regularly discuss the effective supervision of doctrine and practice with District Presidents.
Doctrine	supervision	1992 58, 176a	Each board of directors will be accountable to the President of the Synod for doctrinal faithfulness.
Doctrine	supervision	1998 60, 159a	The synodical President shall see to it that District Presidents are in accordance with Art. II, synodically adopted doctrinal statements and doctrinal resolutions.
Doctrine	supervision	1998 60, 159a	The synodical President shall supervise the doctrine taught and practiced in the Synod.
Doctrine	supervision	1998 60, 166b	Each governing board shall be accountable to the President of Synod for doctrinal faithfulness.
Doctrine	Synodical	1959 44, 191	Pastors, teachers, and professors are to teach and act in harmony with synodical doctrinal statements.
Doctrine	Synodical	1959 44, 191	Every doctrinal statement of a confessional nature adopted by Synod is to be regarded as public doctrine.
Doctrine	Synodical	1962 45, 105b	Synod regards its doctrinal statements as having equal standing under the Scriptures and under the Confessions.
Doctrine	Synodical	1962 45, 123a	Synod cannot require subscription to its doctrinal statements without contradicting its own constitution.
Doctrine	Synodical	1969 48, 86a	Synod upholds and honors the doctrinal content of adopted synodical statements under the norms of Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	Synodical	1969 48, 91a	Synodical doctrinal statements are valid interpretations of Christian doctrine to be honored and upheld by members.
Easter	date	1967 47, 98b	The Synod favors a fixed Sunday for Easter.
Ecumenism	President	1998 60, 159b	The synodical President is the chief ecumenical officer of Synod.
Ecumenism	purpose	1941 38, 236	The Synodical Conference gives expression to unity of faith and seeks to

strengthen unity of faith and confession among Lutherans.

Ecumenism	subscription	1962 45, 103b	The Synod subscribes to the doctrinal basis and purpose of the Lutheran Synodical Conference.
Education	Bible	1926 11, 53	Our junior colleges aim to acquaint students with the Bible and equip them to use it as a tool.
Education	Catechism	1926 11, 53	Our junior colleges aim to deepen knowledge of the Small Catechism and widen its scope toward systematic theology.
Education	children	1850 1, 137	Pastors are duty bound to educate the children even of those parents estranged from the congregation.
Education	children	1850 1, 139 f	It is Christ's command to teach the Gospel to children, even of non-Synod parents.
Education	Christian	1890 3f, 84	We must fight all laws which would bring harm to our parochial schools, which are instruments for furthering the kingdom of God.
Education	Christian	1890 3f, 83	We could not submit to any law which would require our children to attend the irreligious state schools.
Education	Christian	1920 9, 35	Since the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, synodical institutions should nourish the Christian faith of their students in every way.
Education	Christian	1938 37, 148	Christian day-schools should be established wherever possible for the indoctrination of the youth.
Education	Christian	1967 47, 130b	Pastors, teachers, and laymen should encourage students to make use of opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, and social growth.
Education	Christian	1998 60, 134b	Each Board of Regents shall adopt a policy committing the school the principles of Christian discipline, evangelical dealing and good order.
Education	confessional	1971 49, 185a	Parish education seeks to produce materials that are in harmony with Scripture and confessional in its stance.
Education	discipleship	1959 44, 328	The Church is properly concerned with teaching children to become disciples of Christ.

Education	duty	1965	46, 152b	God expects congregations to provide the most intensive Christian education they can.
Education	educators	1981	54, 186b	A strong system of Lutheran education requires educators committed to discipleship and dedicated to Christian education.
Education	essential	1969	48, 132b	Christian education (the communication of God's edifying Word) is essential to the life of the Church, her fundamental activity, and the basic means of renewal.
Education	evolution	1926	11, 59	Teaching the vagaries of the theory of evolution would accord with the aims of Christian education.
Education	funding	1967	47, 130b	Synodical colleges and seminaries preparing pastors and teachers for the mission of the Church have a valid claim to Synod's financial support.
Education	Gift from God	1905	5b, 169	Christian education is a great gift from God, for which we give thanks and praise before the world.
Education	Lutheran	1981	54, 187b	Background in theology and Lutheran doctrine is of prime importance in Lutheran education.
Education	materials	1989	57, 107a	Educational materials should be scripturally based, confessionally sound, and Christ-centered.
Education	ministry	1981	54, 186b	Educational ministries are contrasted with pastoral or preaching ministries.
Education	oversight	1971	49, 184b	Every congregation has a duty to evaluate critically all its educational materials, so that they are soundly Scriptural and the saving Gospel predominates.
Education	Pastors	1850	1, 138	Pastors have a duty based on Paul's admonition to study the Holy Scriptures.
Education	purpose	1908	5c, 75	The Synod rejects the establishment of business programs at its institutions, because this could only harm their intended purpose.
Education	school	1983	55, 149b	The most effective agencies for equipping children and youth for ministry are full-time Lutheran schools.
Education	schools	1998	60, 108b	The most effective agencies available to the Church for equipping children and youth for ministry are full-time schools.

Education	standards	1965	46, 152b	Schools should aim to develop children who are grounded in Scripture, witnessing Christians, good stewards, and constructive influences.
Education	state	1959	44, 328	The state is properly concerned with the education of children in civic, social, and vocational responsibilities.
Education	state	1959	44, 328	Every citizen has to support and uphold the public schools, a common civic effort.
Education	stewardship	1962	45, 78a	Colleges and seminaries engaged in training pastors and teachers have a valid claim on the church's budget.
Education	stewardship	1967	47, 131a	Good stewardship entails Preventive maintenance of educational institutions.
Education	support	1965	46, 140b	Synodical colleges and seminaries engaged in preparing pastors and teachers have a valid claim on the Church's budget.
ELCA	ecumenism	1998	60, 117a	In faithfulness to God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions, Synod expresses its disagreement with the ELCA's full communion with Reformed Churches and adoption of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification.
Elders	prayer	1850	1, 143	Ruling elders may not pray publicly, though they may read a pastor's written prayer in his place.
Election	causative	1881	3c, 35	Election is a cause of the salvation of the elect and all that belongs with it. (Election Thesis 11)
Election	cause	1881	3c, 35	God did not choose the elect because of anything in themselves, not even because of faith, but purely due to his grace and the merit of Christ. (Election Thesis 10)
Election	cause	1947	40, 487	Election is not caused by anything in man or a divine foreknowledge of man's faith. (Brief Statement, 36)
Election	certainty	1881	3c, 34	A believing Christian can and should seek to be certain of his election from the revealed will of God, not by private visions as the papists say. (Election Thesis 8)
Election	certainty	1881	3c, 34	One should not determine if he is elect by exploring the eternal counsels of

God. (Election Thesis 7)

Election	defined	1881	3c, 34f	Election is not a mere foreknowledge of God, is not an intention of God to save or to save those who believe, does not extend over those who believe for a time. (Election Thesis 9)
Election	defined	1947	40, 489	Election is God's choosing a definite number as His own and determining to bring to faith and salvation. (Brief Statement, 39)
Election	Dietrich	1881	3c, 82f	Dietrich's infelicitous statement in his catechism, that the elect were chosen in view of their persevering faith, must be understood, as he himself intended, in accord with the Confessions.
Election	double	1947	40, 488	There is no predestination to damnation. (Brief Statement, 37)
Election	grace	1947	40, 487	Grace alone for Christ's sake is the cause of the eternal election of the saved. (Brief Statement, 35)
Election	grace	1950	41, 568	God elected his own from eternity solely because of his grace in Christ, without any cause in man. (Common Confession)
Election	Hunnius	1881	3c, 81f	Nic. Hunnius partly writes in accord with the Formula of Concord (when he describes election as a cause for salvation) and partly not (something in us is a cause for election).
Election	immutable	1881	3c, 34	None of the elect will ever be lost. (Election Thesis 6)
Election	mystery	1881	3c, 35	Much about the mystery of election is not revealed and should not be the object of the speculations of human reason. (Election Thesis 12)
Election	particular	1881	3c, 34	Election or predestination has as its object all those who remain in faith until or who come to faith at the end of life. (Election Thesis 5)
Election	sure	1947	40, 489	Christians can be sure of their election through faith in the Gospel. (Brief Statement, 40)
Election	theses	1881	3c, 33f	13 Theses on the doctrine of election accepted by the Synod (vote, page 41).
Election	to be taught	1881	3c, 35	What God has revealed about the mystery of election should be openly taught in the churches. (Election Thesis 13)

Environment	stewardship	1971	49, 191b	The earth's vast resources are the Lord's and are intended for man's use and enjoyment. Sin defaces creation.
Eschatology	CTCR	1992	58, 119b	The CTCR document, The End Times, is commended for study and direction.
Eschatology	early Church	1857	1, 339	The early Church expected Christ to return at any time, not at the end of 1000 years.
Eternal life	for believers	1967	47, 95a	Only those whole believe in Christ receive eternal life.
Euthanasia	crisis	1992	58, 117a	The spiritual and moral questions raised by euthanasia touch on the basic principles which undergird Christ faith and the survival of our cultural heritage.
Euthanasia	murder	1992	58, 116b	Euthanasia, a synonym for mercy killing, involves suicide and/or murder and is contrary to God's Law.
Euthanasia	rejected	1977	52, 138a	Euthanasia (inducing death) is contrary to God's Word and cannot be condoned.
Euthanasia	witness	1992	58, 117a	Christians are obligated to make their position on euthanasia known.
Evangelism	affirmations	1971	49, 185a	Synod adopts "Our Commitment to Reconciliation Through Evangelism" as its position on Evangelism.
Evangelism	all believers	1965	46, 105a	The New Testament constrains all believers to witness to Jesus Christ and to preach the Gospel.
Evangelism	assimilation	1983	55, 140b	Assimilation begins the moment a person first attends our services.
Evangelism	Gospel	1998	60, 102b	The vision of Synod includes reaching out boldly with the Gospel.
Evangelism	Jews	1979	53, 98b	Synod does not single out Jews for evangelism, but tries to reach all, Jew and Gentile alike.
Evangelism	lay	1860	1b, 49 f	Every Christian may and should proclaim the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins.
Evangelism	lay	1956	43, 386	All pastors have a high calling to train their members for evangelism work, an essential activity for every Christian.

Evangelism	lay	1956	43, 386	Evangelism is not a program but a way of life.
Evangelism	means	1947	40, 483	The only way to win souls is faithful and diligent use of the ordained means of grace. (Brief Statement, 22)
Evolution	rejected	1947	40, 478	Evolution denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. (Brief Statement, 5)
Exegesis	freedom	1857	1, 332	The Synod refuses to bind consciences to a traditional interpretation of Scripture.
Exegesis	liberty	1965	46, 102a	No interpretation may be held which is contrary to the analogy of faith.
Exegesis	uncertainty	1965	46, 102a	“Purely exegetical questions” only arise when the possible interpretations do not conflict with clear passages.
Experience	.cf., Holy Spirit, Conversion			
Experience	necessity	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that inner religious experience is necessary for certainty of faith, salvation, and the indwelling Spirit.
Experience	necessity	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that Christians without certain inner experiences have incomplete faith or are unconverted.
Experience	uncertain	1860	1b, 47 f	Inner experience (voices) provides no certainty of the forgiveness of sins.
Faculty	confession	1998	60, 133a	Full time lay faculty members shall pledge to perform their duties in harmony with the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God, the Lutheran Confessions, synodical doctrinal statements, and the policies of Synod.
Faculty	removal	1998	60, 135a	Faculty members may be removed for incompetence, incapacity, refusal to cooperate, neglect or refusal of duties, unbecoming conduct, or advocacy of false doctrine or failure to uphold the doctrinal position of Synod.
Faculty	supervision	1992	58, 149b	Faculty members on a roster of the Synod are under the ecclesiastical supervision of the Synod.
Faculty	supervision	1998	60, 136a	Faculty members on a roster of Synod are under the ecclesiastical supervision of the Synod.
Faculty	theology	1998	60, 132b	Full-time faculty members shall be certified for theological and professional competency.

Faith	children	1850	1, 138	The Church is assured of the faith of children by God's Word.
Faith	forgiveness	1947	40, 479	Faith in Christ attains to the forgiveness of sins won by Christ by laying hold of the grace offered. (Brief Statement, 9)
Faith	imperfect	1969	48, 100b	Because of our sinfulness and human frailties, there remain imperfections in faith and understanding of the riches of God's grace.
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Faith	insurance	1893	4a, 120	The Synod continues by its stand not to insure any of its property (to demonstrate its faith in God).
Fall	historical	1967	47, 95b	The fall of our first parents is a historical fact which corrupted the whole human race.
Fellowship	.Cf., Unity			
Fellowship	basis	1941	38, 236	Common doctrine and consistent practice are required for membership in the Synodical Conference.
Fellowship	basis	1971	49, 139a	Only agreement in doctrine and practice can lead to a declaration of altar and pulpit fellowship.
Fellowship	conditions	1938	37, 232	Fellowship between two Churches also requires the agreement of all their current sister Churches.
Fellowship	cooperation	1971	49, 109b	Churches of various denominations can cooperate when faith and confession are not compromised.
Fellowship	CTCR	1981	54, 158a	The CTCR document, "The Nature and Implications of the Concept of Fellowship," is commended for study and guidance.
Fellowship	dangers	1967	47, 91b	The Church must avoid the twin dangers of unionism and separatism.
Fellowship	decisions	1983	55, 153b	Unilateral decisions intended to give expression to a felt unity are rejected since they may become the grounds for further quarrels and division in Synod.
Fellowship	declared	1989	57, 110a	Synod acknowledges fellowship with the Lutheran Church of South Africa

on the basis of complete agreement in doctrine and practice.

Fellowship	defined	1950	41, 657	Church fellowship includes pulpit fellowship, altar fellowship, and prayer fellowship.
Fellowship	dialogue	1853	1, 253	It is not unionism, but biblical for different denominations to discuss their differences and to try to convince each other of the truth.
Fellowship	doctrine	1947	40, 519	Synod collectively obeys God's command to all to avoid those that cause divisions and teach falsely.
Fellowship	maintained	1869	2c, 55	In dealing with differences in teaching, the Church must exercise patience and attempt to gradually convince the erring brothers with Scripture.
Fellowship	orthodox	1947	40, 485	Christians are required by God to have fellowship only with orthodox Churches. (Brief Statement, 28)
Fellowship	practice	1969	48, 102a	The CTCR document "Theology of Fellowship" should be used as a guideline for relationships among Christians.
Fellowship	prayer	1947	40, 517	No prayer fellowship should be practiced with the ALC before full fellowship is established.
Fellowship	prayer	1947	40, 517	It is permissible to pray with those not in fellowship for God's guidance over doctrinal discussions.
Fellowship	Preus	1981	54, 158a	Synod endorses President Preus's letter (June 19, 1981) on the fellowship actions of Synod.
Fellowship	principles	1962	45, 110a	Believers should keep the unity of the Spirit, avoid those who cause divisions, and be ready with an answer for their hope.
Fellowship	protest	1977	52, 126a	A state of protest would allow pastors and congregations to practice fellowship only where agreement in doctrine and practice exist.
Fellowship	resources	1962	45, 107b	The common use of resources does not violate the Scriptural principles of fellowship.
Fellowship	selective	1947	40, 520	The principle of selective fellowship hinders Synod's God-pleasing work to establish fellowship.

Fellowship	selective	1967	47, 92b	The practice of selective pulpit fellowship is rejected.
Fellowship	selective	1969	48, 101b	Synod rejects the practice of selective fellowship.
Fellowship	theology	1967	47, 91b	The CTCR document, “Theology of Fellowship” is adopted by Synod for reference and guidance.
Fellowship	unity	1869	2c, 54	The Church should be zealous to maintain unity in all teaching which clearly lies in the Scripture, not just articles of faith.
Fellowship	visit	1935	14, 186	It is deplorable that our members do not visit and encourage our sister Churches when visiting Europe.
Festivals	liberty	1947	40, 490	Observance of Sunday and other festivals is done by Christian liberty, for the sake of love and peace. (Brief Statement, 41)
Forgiveness 1b, 54 f	Absolution communicated by the preaching of the Gospel.	1860	1b, 37	Private Absolution gives no other forgiveness than that which is
Forgiveness	Christ	1950	41, 867	We know in Jesus Christ that God is merciful and will forgive sins and avert our punishment.
Forgiveness	Christian	1992	58, 141b	Christians must always stand ready to ask for and extend forgiveness in accordance with Scripture.
Forgiveness	means	1860	1b, 47	Christ does not want to distribute forgiveness except through the means of grace.
Forgiveness	means	1860	1b, 47 f	God alone forgives sins, and in an orderly way through persons (i.e., the external word).
Forgiveness	Word	1860	1b, 48	The Word communicates forgiveness whether it is read or remembered or spoken by whomever.
Freedom	academic	1969	48, 129a	New faculty members will be advised of the limitations on their academic freedom due to the religious nature and aims of the educational institution.
Freedom	academic	1971	49, 129a	Professors’ academic freedom may be limited because of religion and confession.
Freedom	academic	1989	57, 146a	The religious and confessional aims of synodical institutions may impose limits on academic freedom.

Freedom	academic	1998	60, 133a	Limitations of academic freedom because of the religious and confessional nature and aims of the institution shall be stated in writing.
Freedom	expression	1938	37, 237	Synod readily admits the right of free expression and public appeal of its members.
Freedom	religion	1965	46, 189b	Cadets and midshipmen should have complete freedom of choice in matters of religious worship.
Funerals	non-believers	1848	1, 55 f	Non-believers are to be denied Christian ceremony. They have no assurance of blessedness.
Gatherings	theology	1995	59, 114b	Sound Biblical and doctrinal theology and practice should be evident at Youth Gatherings.
Gender	identity	1983	55, 159a	We honor God and our neighbor when we delight in our creation as male and female and affirm our identity as male and female.
Gender	sanctified	1965	46, 103b	Gal. 3:28 speaks of the redeemed children of God and their relationship with Christ and each other; it does not cancel God's order of creation but sanctifies it.
Gifts	CTCR	1995	59, 127a	The CTCR report, "Spiritual Gifts," is commended for study and guidance.
Gifts	spiritual	1995	59, 127a	Many spiritual gifts inventories direct members to determine what their gifts are in such a way as to depreciate the role of the Means of Grace and the Biblical doctrine of vocation.
God	creation	1971	49, 185b	God is dynamically involved in all the activities of His creation.
God	faith	1969	48, 139a	Youth ministry aims to proclaim the presence, love, and power of God through faith in Christ.
God	judge	1992	58, 142a	God is the one who judges the hearts of sinful men and grants His gracious word of forgiveness to us all.
God	knowledge	1950	41, 568	All may know of God through creation, conscience, and history, but who he is and what he has done can only be known in Christ through the Scriptures. (Common Confession)
God	mission	1971	49, 185b	God is alive, present, and active with an eternal purpose in today's world.

God	name	1935 14, 176	An idol name with its idol connotations may not be used of the true God, Scripture forbidding such usage.
God	name	1947 40, 669	The proper name of an idol may not be used to translate <i>Elohim</i> and <i>Theos</i> .
God	salvation	1971 49, 185b	Our god is intent on revealing and offering the salvation earned by Christ.
God	Trinity	1947 40, 478	On the basis of the Scriptures, we teach the Holy Trinity. (Brief Statement, 4)
God	triune	1962 45, 164b	Synod reaffirms its faith in the triune God.
God	Triune	1950 41, 567	The one true God has revealed himself through Scripture and designated himself Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Common Confession)
Gospel	call	1950 41, 569	The Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel and assures us of our election and the imputation of Christ's righteousness. (Common Confession)
Gospel	effective	1998 60, 109a	The Gospel becomes even more effective in the life of Christians and the congregation through Christian schools.
Gospel	freedom	1998 60, 109b	We have freedom in the Gospel in Christ.
Gospel	hearing	1860 1b, 41 f	The Gospel always offers the treasures it promises.
Gospel	Law	1992 58, 141b	As the Church endeavors to help bring about peace, truth, justice, and reconciliation, it seeks to do so with a proper distinction between Law and Gospel.
Gospel	liberation	1969 48, 83a	The Synod proclaims the Good News of liberation for all who trust Jesus, the Father's way to eternal life under the re-creating power of the Holy Spirit.
Gospel	power	1965 46, 81b	The demonstration of faith in ministry to others adds power to the proclamation of the Gospel.
Gospel	Word	1947 40, 483	The Word of the Gospel applies God's grace, works faith, regenerates, and gives the Holy Spirit.
Gospel	youth	1965 46, 164a	Youth work aims to proclaim the presence, love, and power of God through faith in Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection has redeemed

all people.

Government	aid	1953	42, 676	Synod takes no stand on participation in Social Security, since this is a temporal matter about which Christians may differ.
Government	disobedience	1935	14, 166	The Synod commends missionaries for not registering schools, when such action would support idol worship.
Grace	continual	1860	1b, 45	Grace is continually given to and received by faith in the Word.
Grace	hell	1847	1, 16	God concerns himself with those going to hell.
Grace	means	1947	40, 483	The Word of the Gospel and the Sacraments convey the spiritual blessings purchased by Christ. (Brief Statement, 21)
Grace	means	1950	41, 569	The means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments, actually bestow grace unto forgiveness of sins and life with Christ. (Common Confession)
Grace	means	1998	60, 109b	God's grace is received through the proclamation of the Gospel and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
Grace	universal	1947	40, 488	One must distinguish between the universal will of grace and the election of grace, though these are not opposed to each other. (Brief Statement, 38)
Handicap	ministry	1944	39, 185	Pastors are urged to minister faithfully to the spiritual needs of the deaf, blind and hard of hearing.
Health	faith	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that if healing does not occur it is due to a lack of faith.
Health	promise	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that God promises healing and health to every Christian in this life
Hermeneutics	application	1965	46, 100b	In reading Jonah, the specific message for the Church in our time should be emphasized.
History	hope	1967	47, 152a	Mindful of human failures and the demonic in history, the Church focuses its hope in God.
Holy Spirit	.Cf., Spirit, God			
Homosexuality	bondage	1998	60, 143b	Homosexuality brings bondage rather than the freedom it promises.

Homosexuality	deliverance	1992	58, 118a	God can rescue individuals from homosexual orientation and practice.
Homosexuality	sin	1971	49, 110a	Homophile behavior is intrinsically sinful.
Homosexuality	sin	1992	58, 117b	Homophile behavior is intrinsically sinful.
Homosexuality	sin	1998	60, 122a	Same-sex unions are contrary to the will of the Creator and a sin against the commandments of God.
Homosexuals	ministry	1992	58, 118a	It is necessary to proclaim pastorally the Law and Gospel to homosexual persons on university campuses and elsewhere.
Housing	advocacy	1977	52, 190b	Christians have a role of advocate on behalf of those who find it impossible to obtain adequate housing because of race, age, or poverty.
Humanity	common	1965	46, 80a	There is a common humanity with a common sinfulness and a universal redemption won for all in Jesus Christ.
Humanity	dignity	1969	48, 148b	The unique dignity of eternal sonship comes alone by the mercy of God in Christ and gives power to overcome the world.
Humanity	purpose	1971	49, 191b	God created people for fullness of life.
Humankind	creature	1967	47, 95a	The doctrine of creation shows that man is the principal creature of God. This doctrine both humbles us and fills us with gratitude.
Hymnal	additions	1872	2d, 105	Additions to the hymnal for the sake of the specific needs of a few congregations causes offense.
Hymnal	approval	1995	59, 113a	Congregations are encouraged to use synodically approved hymnals.
Hymnal	approval	1995	59, 110b	All service books and hymnals that are to be accepted as official service books and hymnals of Synod shall be given such status only by a convention of Synod.
Hymnal	Supplement 98	1998	60, 110a	Hymnal Supplement 98 is commended for use throughout Synod.
Illness	mental	1995	59, 143b	Those with mental illnesses should be able to fully participate in the life and ministry of the congregation.
Illness	mental	1995	59, 143b	Serious mental illness exists within the family of faith.

Installation	location	1959	44, 242	Installation shall always take place in the presence of the calling congregation.
Installation	location	1986	56, 166b	The rite of installation shall always take place in the presence of the calling congregation.
Installation	ordination	1851	1, 172	Installation and ordination serve the same purpose: to confirm the call.
Installation	ordination	1863	2a, 55	There is no essential difference between ordination and installation.
Institution	Church	1969	48, 148a	Institutionalism is a sin of equating the Church structure with the Church itself and constitutes idolatry.
Investment	witness	1986	56, 211b	All Christians are encouraged to review their investment practices to provide a Christian witness by the way in which they invest.
Jesus	cf., Christ, God			
Jews	conversion	1857	1, 329	A false, chiliastic understanding of Romans 11 insists that the Jews must be converted en masse before the Last Day.
Jews	conversion	1857	1, 333	All Christians should hope that the Jews be converted before the Last Day.
Jews	conversion	1947	40, 490	We reject the notion that a universal conversion of Jews will take place before the end of the world (Brief Statement, 42).
Jews	conversion	1983	55, 157b	We want to treat Jews with love and pray for them that they may become converted and would receive the Lord.
Jews	evangelism	1979	53, 98b	There is a danger that witnessing to Jews can result in misunderstanding and nurturing of anti-Semitic attitudes.
Jews	priority	1979	53, 98b	Jews has have a priority place as chosen people both in the past and in the present, where God's plans for Jews and Gentiles unfolds.
Jews	roots	1979	53, 98b	The roots of our own religious beliefs and practices lie in God's election of the Jews.
Jonah	historicity	1965	46, 100b	The historicity of the Jonah account is shown by the data in the book itself and our Lord' reference to Jonah.

Journals	confessional	1969	48, 152b	The doctrinal content of the synodical journals should remain loyal to Scripture and the Lutheran Symbols, with an allowable and desirable diversity of expression.
Journals	official	1969	48, 152b	Only when theological journals print what the Synod has adopted at convention are their contents to be regarded as the official synodical position.
Journals	witness	1969	48, 152b	Theological journals have an obligation to give a positive witness to theologians and pastors outside of Synod.
Judaism	Yahwism	1983	55, 157b	We do not confuse the religion of the Old Testament (Yahwism) with subsequent Judaism.
Judgment	repentance	1950	41, 867	The Synod repents of its sins, which have contributed to the judgment of God resting on the world.
Judgment Day	signs	1950	41, 572	It is an error to expect a mass conversion of Jews, a resurrection of martyrs and a millennial reign as a sign of Christ's second advent. (Common Confession)
Judgment Day	unknown	1947	40, 491	The time of the Last Day is, and will remain, unknown. (Brief Statement, 42)
Justice	social	1965	46, 81a	Christians work to remove unwarranted distinctions between people, recognizing the Father as Creator of all and the Son's love for all.
Justification	.Cf., Salvation			
Justification	Brief Statement	1981	54, 158b	Synod upholds and honors the doctrine of justification as articulated in the Brief Statement.
Justification	central	1981	54, 158a	The central doctrine of Scripture is the justification of the sinner by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith.
Justification	CTCR	1986	56, 140a	The CTCR document, "Theses on Justification," is commended for reference and guidance.
Justification	CTCR	1992	58, 119a	The document "Justification by Faith" and the CTCR response are commended for study and reference.
Justification	CTCR	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.

Justification	faith	1950	41, 570	Christ has secured forgiveness for all, His righteousness being offered by the means of grace, imputed through the Gospel, and accepted by faith. (Common Confession)
Justification	faith	1992	58, 118a	Forgiveness in Christ is contingent upon sincere repentance and faith in Christ.
Justification	grace	1983	55, 153a	Sinners are justified before God by grace for Christ's sake through faith and justified they are forgiven all their sins and can be certain of salvation.
Justification	objective	1860	1b, 42	The world was absolved when Christ completed redemption, even—from God's perspective—from eternity.
Justification	objective	1860	1b, 43	The world has already been justified in Christ through his death and resurrection.
Justification	objective	1881	3c, 33	Christ came into the world and carried the sins of all men. (Election Thesis 2)
Justification	objective	1947	40, 482	God has already declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ. (Brief Statement, 17)
Justification	sanctifying	1971	49, 192b	The Christian's life of love is the consequence of having been justified by grace through faith in Christ.
Justification	subjective	1860	1b, 42 f	Faith alone apart from works is the means to receive God's Absolution offered in the Word and Sacraments.
Justification	vicarious	1860	1b, 46	Christ died in the place of the world.
Justification	vicarious	1947	40, 479	The Son of God assumed flesh to become the Mediator by fulfilling the law and dying in the place of mankind. (Brief Statement, 8)
Justification	works	1947	40, 482	All mingling of man's works and merit into the article of justification dishonors Christ and is apostasy. (Brief Statement, 18)
King, M. L., Jr.	recognition	1969	48, 93a	Synod thanks God Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a gift to humanity and the United States.
Knowledge	natural	1947	40, 669	By natural knowledge, the heathen know there is a God, but they cannot know or identify the true God.

Laicism	rejected	1965	46, 81b	Laicism wrongly chafes as the shepherding through which God equips His children.
Laity	Church	1989	57, 111b	Laypersons are the lifeblood of the Church, without whom the Church does not exist.
Laity	training	1989	57, 111b	It is wise and necessary to identify the qualities and preparation which persons should possess to serve in positions of leadership.
Laity	worship	1977	52, 138b	Laity are to be involved in worship within the limitations established by the Scriptures and the Confessions (AC XIV).
Language	adiaphoron	1902	5a, 81	The use of one language rather than another is a matter of Christian freedom, and should be determined by what best serves the kingdom of God.
Language	inclusive	1998	60, 122b	The CTCR report, “Biblical Revelation and Inclusive Language,” is commended for study.
Law	divine	1977	52, 135b	The Law as well as the Gospel is the Word of God and therefore a divine doctrine.
Law	uses	1950	41, 569	The Law serves the Gospel by bringing knowledge of sin and by telling a believer what fruits he should produce. (Common Confession)
Law	uses	1977	52, 135b	There is a threefold use of the Law, as curb, as mirror, and as a rule.
Lawsuits	Church	1983	55, 181b	Scripture (1 Cor. 6) requires that we make every effort to avoid disputes or to resolve them internally.
Lay	Absolution	1860	1b, 35	Laity should pronounce Absolution only in cases of necessity or privately.
Lay	Absolution	1860	1b, 47	All Christians originally possess the keys and may forgive sins.
Lay ministers	authorized	1971	49, 174a	Synod authorizes the creation of a board for training, certifying and licensing lay ministers.
Legalism	unionism	1932	13, 130	Missionary pastors servicing unionistic assemblies should avoid rigoristic and legalistic practices.
Liberty	Christian	1935	14, 306	Synod does not intend to regulate the exercise of Christian liberty in

expressions of sentiment (grief, memorial wreaths).

Life	beginning	1979	53, 117a	The living but unborn are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception.
Life	beginning	1983	55, 154b	The living but unborn are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception.
Life	documents	1998	60, 119b	“That They May Have Life” and “Real and Abundant Life” are commended for study.
Life	end of	1971	49, 191b	We reject indiscriminate termination of life by abortion or euthanasia, and the improper use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
Life	gift	1971	49, 191b	Human life is God’s gift.
Life	purpose	1977	52, 137a	Life finds meaning and purpose in seeking and following God’s will, not in self-centered pleasure or comfort.
Life	sacred	1977	52, 137a	Human life is sacred
Life	sanctity	1989	57, 159a	Christians should reaffirm the sanctity of human life by the exercise of civic responsibilities and through a winsome witness.
Life	sanctity	1995	59, 141a	Synod reiterates its unwavering position regarding the sanctity of human life.
Life	sanctity	1998	60, 119b	Church Workers are encouraged to support and promote Christian concern the sanctity of life.
Life	sanctity	1998	60, 141b	Synod reaffirms its position on the sanctity of life.
Life	social ills	1971	49, 191b	Poverty, hunger, crime, dehumanization and injustice threaten the fullness of life God wants for all.
Liturgy	calendar	1983	55, 147a	The practice of designating Sundays for purposes other than those assigned by the liturgical year is to be used most cautiously.
Liturgy	Romanism	1956	43, 550	Pastors, teachers, and students with an interest in liturgics should guard against Romanism and disturbing consciences.
Liturgy	uniformity	1956	43, 551	Liturgical practices should aim at the largest possible uniformity.

Lodge	danger	1853	1, 268	German immigrants should be warned of the dangers of secret societies (lodges).
Lodge	discipline	1926	11, 148	Following Matt. 18, Synod should admonish pastors of their duty to deal with lodge members.
Lodge	discipline	1926	11, 148	Pastors should induce their congregation to take action against all instructed, but unrepentant lodge members.
Lodge	discipline	1929	12, 119	Pastors should induce their congregations to take action against all instructed, but unrepentant lodge members. (reaffirmed)
Lodge	discipline	1929	12, 119	Following Matt. 18, Synod should admonish pastors of their duty to deal with lodge members. (reaffirmed)
Lodge	discipline	1935	14, 218	Individuals, pastors, and congregations should admonish each other according to Matt. 18 regarding their lodge practice.
Lodge	discipline	1950	41, 554	Every Christian, pastor, and synodical official should admonish pastors negligent in disciplining lodge members.
Lodge	discipline	1950	41, 554	Pastors and congregations which refuse to discipline the lodge evil should be expelled from Synod.
Lodge	discipline	1950	41, 554	Pastors have a duty to instruct their members on the sinfulness of the lodges and act against those who refuse to leave one.
Lodge	fellowship	1926	11, 148	Following Matt. 18, Synod should remove congregations which tolerate lodge members.
Lodge	fellowship	1929	12, 119	Following Matt. 18, Synod should remove congregations which tolerate lodge members. (reaffirmed)
Lodge	idolatry	1853	1, 271	Lodges, composed of Christians, Jews and heathen, cannot worship God the Father of Christ; they practice idolatry.
Lodge	instruction	1971	49, 121a	Pastors have a duty to instruct his people about the sinfulness of organizations that teach about human relationships contrary to Scripture.
Lodge	instruction	1971	49, 121a	Pastors have a duty to instruct his people about the sinfulness of organizations that promise spiritual light apart from Scripture.

Lodge	instruction	1971	49, 121a	Pastors have a duty to instruct his people about the sinfulness of organizations that deny the Trinity, the deity of Christ or vicarious atonement.
Lodge	instruction	1971	49, 121a	Pastors have a duty to instruct his people about the sinfulness of organizations that attach spiritual or eternal rewards to the works or virtues of men.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1929	12, 118	According to Scriptures and evangelical practice, Synod refuses communion to lodge members.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1929	12, 198	Pastor Seesko, who communes lodge members as weak Christians, is removed from the Synod.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1950	41, 555	Communion is and shall be denied to lodge members.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1950	41, 555	Pastors may commune lodge members in unusual circumstances.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1953	42, 482	Lodge members shall neither be communed nor accepted into communicant membership.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1956	43, 579	Congregations shall not administer Holy Communion to lodge members.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1956	43, 579	Pastors may commune lodge members in exceptional cases, normally when the member has renounced the lodge.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1971	49, 121b	Pastors will not normally communicate a Lodge member.
Lodge	membership	1971	49, 121a	Pastors and laymen must avoid membership in groups that are inimical to the Gospel.
Lodge	policy	1953	42, 570	Congregations and pastors should take an evangelical but definite stand on membership in questionable fraternal organizations.
Lodge	rejected	1926	11, 148	The Synod is opposed to lodgery because of its unchristian and antichristian character.
Lodge	rejected	1929	12, 119	The Synod is opposed to lodgery because of its unchristian and antichristian character. (reaffirmed)
Lodge	rejected	1932	13, 178	Anti-lodge resolutions of 1929 are reaffirmed.

Lodge	rejected	1950	41, 554	Synod opposes lodges or societies of unchristian or anti-Christian character.
Lodge	rejected	1962	45, 163a	Synod reaffirms its stand on the lodge question and calls for evangelical discipline of pastors and congregations.
Lodge	rejected	1971	49, 121a	Synod opposes all societies, lodges and organizations or an unchristian or antichristian character.
Lodge	rejection	1981	54, 160a	Synod opposes all societies, lodges, and organizations of an un-Christian or anti-Christian character.
Lodge	sinful	1926	11, 148	Lodgery sinfully denies the Trinity, deity of Christ, and vicarious atonement.
Lodge	sinful	1929	12, 119	Lodgery sinfully denies the Trinity, deity of Christ, and vicarious atonement. (reaffirmed)
Lodge	syncretism	1920	9, 98	The Synod understands its rejection of syncretism to include a rejection of the lodges.
Lodge	Synod	1929	12, 118	Pastors and congregations which continue to tolerate the “lodge evil” should be removed from Synod.
Lodge	unscriptural	1853	1, 270	Scripture forbids secret societies (Eph. 5:11-12; Jn. 3:20; 2 Cor. 6:14; Mat. 5:33-37, 6:25-34).
Lord’s Supper	admission	1860	1b, 38	Those who don’t know why they come to the Sacrament should not be allowed to partake.
Lord’s Supper	admission	1995	59, 122a	Pastors and congregations, except in situations of emergency and special cases of pastoral care, commune individuals of only those synods now in fellowship.
Lord’s Supper	admission	1995	59, 122a	Situations of emergency and special cases of pastoral care allowing communion of individuals not formally in fellowship are relatively rare.
Lord’s Supper	admission	1995	59, 122b	The Lord invites those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves, that they may show forth His death until he comes.

Lord's Supper	admission	1998	60, 115b	"A Declaration of Eucharistic Understanding and Practice" is not an adequate basis for addressing questions about admission to the Lord's Supper.
Lord's Supper	admission	1998	60, 116a	Except in situations of emergency and special cases of pastoral care, pastors and congregations commune individuals only of those Synods now in fellowship with us.
Lord's Supper	admission	1998	60, 116a	The action of the Florida-Georgia District claiming the right to welcome to the Lord's Table those who, regardless of affiliation, share our confession of Christ and our conviction of what He freely offers in the Eucharist is null and void.
Lord's Supper	admonition	1850	1, 139	No law may be established to fix the length of the exhortation to partake.
Lord's Supper	Assemblies	1995	59, 160a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Lord's Supper	benefit	1850	1, 136	The Lord's Supper gives full enjoyment of gifts of divine grace.
Lord's Supper	benefit	1947	40, 483	The ministration of the body and blood of Christ communicates and seals forgiveness of sins.
Lord's Supper	benefit	1950	41, 569	In the Supper Christ gives his body offered for us and his blood shed to eat and drink for forgiveness of sins, strengthening faith, and increase in holiness. (Common Confession)
Lord's Supper	benefit	1995	59, 122a	Our Lord gives His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.
Lord's Supper	campus	1995	59, 124b	The celebration of the Lord's Supper on synodical campuses shall ordinarily be conducted by the pastor(s) of the host congregation, following the doctrine and practice of Synod.
Lord's Supper	campus	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Lord's Supper	close(d)	1998	60, 172b	Synod encourages the teaching of close(d) communion.
Lord's Supper	confession	1956	43, 579	Communion expresses an exclusive relationship of the communicant to his Lord and to his brethren.
Lord's Supper	confession	1995	59, 122b	Because Holy Communion is a confession of faith, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the

congregation are asked to speak with the Pastor or an usher.

Lord's Supper	confirmation	1992	58, 110b	Preparation for confirmation and first Communion should include instruction based on the Scriptures, the Small Catechism, and a Lutheran hymnal.
Lord's Supper	consecration	1849	1, 98	Consecration is effected through the Word alone, not through the office of the pastor.
Lord's Supper	CTCR	1986	56, 143b	The CTCR document, "Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper," is commended for reference and guidance.

Lord's Supper	CTCR	1989	57, 116b	The CTCR document, "Theology and Practice in the Lord's Supper," is commended for study and guidance.
Lord's Supper	cup	1944	39, 254	Nothing in Scripture forbids the use of individual communion cups.
Lord's Supper	distribution	1850	1, 140	There are more reasons for than against a pastor communing himself.
Lord's Supper	distribution	1944	39, 254	Methods of distribution (breaking bread, using hosts, one or many cups) do not belong to the essence of the Sacrament.
Lord's Supper	elements	1998	60, 120b	Where reception of bread and wine arouses concern, the Words of institution are not to be overthrown, but the Gospel's power is to be stressed.
Lord's Supper	elements	1998	60, 120b	Church's should use bread and wine in the administration of the Sacrament of the Altar.
Lord's Supper	elements	1998	60, 120b	Not using bread and wine in the Sacrament may introduce uncertainty into the Sacrament.
Lord's Supper	fellowship	1967	47, 93a	Pastors and congregations of the Synod communion only those in fellowship with us, except in cases of emergency and special pastoral care.
Lord's Supper	frequency	1995	59, 113b	Congregations are encouraged to recover the opportunity for receiving the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day.
Lord's Supper	frequency	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position (on offering the Lord's Supper every Sunday).
Lord's Supper	intinction	1944	39, 255	Intinction violates the words of institution, for Christ said to "eat" and "drink."
Lord's Supper	presence	1995	59, 122a	The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink.
Lord's Supper	reception	1950	41, 569	In the Lord's Supper all receive Christ's body and blood (oral reception), but only believers obtain the blessings (spiritual reception). (Common Confession)
Lord's Supper	stewardship	1998	60, 120b	Pastors are stewards of the mysteries of God and entrusted with the pastoral care of souls.

Lord's Supper	unworthy	1995	59, 122b	Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm.
Love	call	1947	40, 319	The law of love must guide our actions, also in accepting a call or transfer.
Love	duty	1981	54, 206a	Christians have a duty to show compassion to undocumented aliens and not to exploit them but to help them seek documentation.
Love	growth	1992	58, 173a	Individuals and congregations are encouraged to grow in love through Bible study, prayer, contributions to World Relief, and resettlement efforts.
Love	neighbor	1869	2c, 71	Natural self-love is the standard for love of one's neighbor, but not insofar as it is sinful.
Love	of God	1881	3c, 33	From eternity God loves all people and desires their salvation. (Election Thesis 1)
Love	service	1995	59, 109a	It is the will of God that, as a Christ-centered and people sensitive Church, we serve one another in love.
Love	slander	1962	45, 164b	Innuendo and slander abuses the law of Christian love.
Luther	gift	1983	55, 153a	We thank the Lord for the gift of Martin Luther as a faithful servant of His Word.
Lutheran	label	1965	46, 169a	Synod discourages the use of the designation "Lutheran" by agencies which do not maintain a proper relationship with a Lutheran Church.
Lutheranism	defined	1965	46, 80b	The Evangelical Lutheran Church is a confessional movement within the total body of Christ.
Lutheranism	identity	1971	49, 132a	Lutheranism thinks of itself as a confessional movement within Christendom.
Man	changeable	1971	49, 186b	God can change man and make him a new creation in Christ.
Man	creation	1950	41, 568	God created man in his image to live by the law written in man's heart. (Common Confession)
Man	image of God	1947	40, 478	The first man was made in God's image, with true knowledge of God, righteousness and holiness, and true scientific knowledge. (Brief Statement, 6)

Man	lost	1969	48, 83a	The human predicament is not only alienation from people, but from the true God who alone can create authentic life.
Man	new	1971	49, 186a	Man in Christ is new in his hopes, actions, understanding, and power to live.
Man	redemption	1971	49, 191b	By reason of the Father's redemption and the Son's redemption, man has the privilege of becoming a child of God.
Marriage	Christian	1959	44, 210	Marriage becomes Christian when Christian spouses are united by their common faith.
Marriage	Christian	1959	44, 211	Christians are to marry "in the Lord."
Marriage	defined	1950	41, 659	Marriage is a lifelong union of one man and one woman unto one flesh, instituted by God and entered by rightful betrothal, or engagement.
Marriage	defined	1959	44, 206	Marriage is ordained by God as the personal and sexual union of one man and one woman in mutual love, service, and fidelity.
Marriage	defined	1983	55, 159a	Marriage is a divine, lifelong institution, ordained by God for the good of man and woman.
Marriage	God-pleasing	1959	44, 208	Marriage is not inferior to celibacy, but is a God-pleasing state for all.
Marriage	healing	1983	55, 159a	We give thanks to God for the healing which God offers in marriage.
Marriage	institution	1959	44, 208	Marriage was instituted at creation and is valid for all human beings.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 207	Differences in belief and attitudes are fundamental differences and imply wide areas of conflict in the family.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 209	Religious agreement between spouses is a major factor in securing peace and harmony in Christian family life.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 209	The promise required from a non-Catholic by the Roman Church burdens the conscience and silences Christian witness.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 210	Marriage between a Lutheran and a Protestant can be complicated by differences in doctrine and practice.

Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 212	Lutherans should be encouraged to witness to the truth in their families and repudiate the Roman pre-marriage agreement.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 212	Lutherans in interfaith marriages should be strengthened in their faith and fellowship in the Church.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 212	The Church should seek to strengthen existing interfaith marriages.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 212	The congregation shares the blame for unhappy interfaith marriages if it fails to give adequate warnings.
Marriage	interfaith	1959	44, 213	It is necessary for mixed Christian couples to unite in Bible study and prayer, lest they grow bitter toward the faith.
Marriage	love	1959	44, 207	The highest expression of mutual love in marriage is comparable to Christ's love of His Church.
Marriage	love	1959	44, 210	Christian marriage is enriched by the spiritual self-giving love taught in the New Testament.
Marriage	not Sacrament	1848	1, 55	A pastor may marry non-believers since marriage is a general good, not just given to the Church.
Marriage	pornography	1986	56, 130b	Pornographic literature deprecates, even disdains, marital fidelity and dishonors the institution of marriage.
Marriage	procreation	1983	55, 159a	The mutual love of husband and wife, possessing God-given meaning in and of itself, is ordered toward the birth of a child.
Marriage	purpose	1959	44, 206	The purposes of marriage are intimacy, helpfulness, and the procreation and rearing of children.
Marriage	purpose	1959	44, 208	Mutual helpfulness, not just procreation, is a primary purpose of marriage.
Marriage	sexuality	1983	55, 159a	Marriage is the typical, though not necessary, expression of our creation as male and female.
Marriage	to a Jew	1959	44, 211	Marriages with Jews present religious and cultural difficulties. Christian witness can be silenced and family unity thwarted.
Marriage	to non-Christian	1959	44, 210	There can be no spiritual union between Christian and non-Christian spouses.

Marriage	validity	1847	1, 16	Marriage before a judge is not a “pig’s marriage.”
Mass	Presidential	1914	7, 56	The Synod protests the fact that the U.S. President officially participated in a Roman mass.
Means of Grace	.Cf., Bible, Sacraments, Word of God			
Means of grace	faith	1860	1b, 51	Faith is required for the proper reception of the means of grace. They save those who believe.
Means of grace	validity	1971	49, 132b	Proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments are valid when executed in conformity with the Bible.
Medication	pain	1992	58, 117a	Administering pain-killing medications, even at the risk of shortening life, is permissible, since this does not entail the choice of death as a means or end.
Meditation	transcendental	1977	52, 133b	Transcendental Meditation is the religious exercise of an eastern cult.
Membership	reaffirmation	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Membership	rights	1863	2a, 38	The distribution of rights to congregation members should not depend on their wealth.
Military	objection	1967	47, 97a	Synod discourages selective conscientious objection.
Military	service	1967	47, 97a	Synod pledges loyalty and obedience in military service.
Millennialism	fellowship	1857	1, 330	True Christians, erring concerning eschatology, may remain in membership, may not spread their false ideas, and must be led back to truth.
Millennialism	position	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Millennialism	rejected	1857	1, 329 f	We reject and damn all chiliasm (i.e., Christ and his saints will reign over the heathen, all peoples will be converted).
Millennialism	rejected	1857	1, 335	Millennialism contradicts the analogy of faith.
Millennialism	rejected	1857	1, 338	Millennialism contradicts the analogy of faith and the analogy of Scripture.

Millennialism	rejected	1947	40, 490	We reject every type of Millennialism or Chiliasm. (Brief Statement, 42)
Millennialism	rejected	1947	40, 491	Millennialism contradicts Scripture, gives a false idea of the kingdom of Christ, and obscures Scripture.
Minister	.Cf., Worker, Pastor, Office			
Minister	commissioned	1998	60, 153b	Parish assistants are placed on the roster of Ministers of Religion-Commissioned.
Minister	lay	1969	48, 127a	Lay ministers should be set apart for their appointive sacred offices by an appropriate rite.
Minister	lay	1969	48, 127a	Synod authorizes certification of lay persons for the performance of certain ministerial functions.
Minister	lay	1983	55, 179b	Deaconesses and Lay Ministers are classified as “Certified Professional Church Workers, lay.”
Minister	life	1983	55, 191a	Although the Constitution deals with the “life” of pastors and teachers, Synod cannot observe, regulate, restrict or control all the activities of its ministers.
Minister	supervision	1981	54, 176b	Those engaged in specialized ministries (deaconesses, DCE, PA, etc.) shall be supervised with respect to doctrine and life.
Minister	title	1953	42, 327	All called to serve in the ministry of the Word are titled “ministers of the Word,” with specific responsibilities determined by the congregation.
Ministry	authority	1947	40, 486	The ministry has no other power than the Word of God; Christians yield only to this Word. (Brief Statement, 32)
Ministry	believers	1989	57, 111b	The individual Christian is called to serve as part of the universal priesthood of believers.
Ministry	chaplaincy	1977	52, 195b	Synod reaffirms its ministry to its members serving in the military and to overseas civilians.
Ministry	Christian	1971	49, 191a	Every Christian is committed to the ministry of Christ by virtue of baptism and the power of the indwelling Spirit of Jesus Christ.
Ministry	Christian	1989	57, 111b	All Christians are called to carry out ministry in the broad sense,

accomplished by and through everyday life.

Ministry	confessional	1983	55, 136b	Campus ministry must speak clearly in accordance with our Scriptural and Confessional principles.
Ministry	definition	1971	49, 192b	The ministry of God's people is faith active in love.
Ministry	delegated	1947	40, 486	The officers of the Church administer their offices by delegated powers. (Brief Statement, 30)
Ministry	equipping	1969	48, 139a	Youth are equipped for faithful service to God and His world by a ministry of the Holy Spirit through Word and sacraments.
Ministry	equipping	1989	57, 111b	The Church's task is to equip Christians for their ministry or service as Christians.
Ministry	focus	1989	57, 111b	The focus for the ministry of the Church is in the world.
Ministry	freedom	1969	48, 81a	Synod encourages the exercise of the God-given freedom to experiment with and develop styles of ministry.
Ministry	functions	1941	38, 157	God committed to the office all the functions of ministry, including spiritual oversight of the whole flock.
Ministry	goal	1971	49, 191a	The goal of Christ's ministry is nothing less than the salvation of mankind, the restoration of life.
Ministry	healing	1969	48, 83b	Synod's objectives, functions, and structures should reflect its healing ministry.
Ministry	healing	1969	48, 83b	Healing is a basic expression of ministry; congregations are healing communities.
Ministry	healing	1969	48, 84a	In the New Testament, healing is basic to mission and ministry.
Ministry	influence	1989	57, 164b	The document "The Ministry of Influence in the Church" is recommended for guidance.
Ministry	institution	1950	41, 571	The ministry of Word and Sacraments exists by divine ordinance. (Common Confession)
Ministry	lay	1995	59, 157a	Certified lay ministers carry out visitation, education, social ministry,

youth ministry, administration, and evangelism.

Ministry	means	1998	60, 138b	The Word and Sacraments are primary in dealing with issues of pastoral care.
Ministry	needy	1981	54, 207b	Helping people in need is a God-given responsibility.
Ministry	office	1941	38, 157	God instituted the office of the ministry as the highest office in the Church, from which the others are derived.
Ministry	outdoors	1983	55, 145a	Outdoors ministries are vital and important for fostering growth in faith.
Ministry	professional	1965	46, 139a	Professional ministry is fundamental to every aspect of the Church's work.
Ministry	public	1947	40, 486	The public ministry is the office of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments by order and in the name of the congregation. (Brief Statement, 31).
Ministry	public	1947	40, 486	Divine order requires that Christians provide for the public ministry of the Word in their midst. (Brief Statement, 31)
Ministry	recruitment	1977	52, 171a	Congregations should recognize their responsibility to young encourage men to prepare for the pastoral ministry.
Ministry	relationships	1989	57, 162a	Compatible relationships emphasize the ministry of God's people to one another as members of the body of Christ under the lordship of Christ.
Ministry	social	1971	49, 193b	Taking on the burdens of the poor in prayers and with gifts is an essential part of ministry to the whole man.
Ministry	social	1983	55, 135a	Inter-Lutheran cooperation in social ministry is desirable when exercised with confessional integrity.
Ministry	social	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Ministry	standards	1989	57, 149b	The document "Scriptural Standards and Ecclesiastical Expectations for Servants in Office of Public Ministry" is distributed for study, discussion, and use as a guide to practice.
Ministry	to Christians	1967	47, 93a	We have a responsibility to minister also to other Christians in the body of Christ.

Ministry	training	1965 46, 140b	Synod is obligated to prepare men and women for competent parish service.
Ministry	unity	1971 49, 192a	The Church's ministry is one, centered in Word and Sacraments, to the whole man.
Ministry	whole man	1965 46, 81a	The Church is God's mission to the whole man, body, soul, and mind.
Ministry	whole man	1971 49, 192b	The Church's ministry address itself to the whole man, biological, psychological, social, and spiritual.
Mission	.cf., congregation, witness, evangelism		
Mission	Affirmations	1967 47, 93a	Those who proclaim the message of God's love should also witness in Christ in Christian actions.
Mission	Affirmations	1967 47, 93a	The Church as Christ's mission does not confuse an ethic of love with the speaking of the Gospel.
Mission	beginning	1884 3d, 68	With already so much ministry to do, the Synod will not begin a new mission without an express indication from God that such is his will.
Mission	blind	1950 41, 495	The blind, in institutions or isolated at home, are also are a missionary obligation.
Mission	blind	1959 44, 163	All congregations have an obligation to reach out with the Gospel to the blind in the country.
Mission	Christian	1965 46, 80a	We rejoice over all faithful Christian efforts to witness to all the world.
Mission	Church	1965 46, 80b	The Church is Christ's mission to the Church.
Mission	confession	1847 1, 20	Missionaries are to be bound by the symbols of the church, pure in teaching, irreproachable in life.
Mission	confession	1893 4a, 88	The Synod will continue to support the English mission as long as it remains in concord with her in doctrine and practice and does not cast away ceremonies.
Mission	confession	1971 49, 108b	Difficult problems on the mission field are to be answered within the framework of the Synod's confessional stance.

Mission	cooperation	1965	46, 80b	By virtue of our unity with other Christians we work together to edify the Church and advance mission, where this does not deny God's Word.
Mission	cooperation	1971	49, 109b	By virtue of our unity with other Christians, we work together when it will edify Christ's body and advance His mission.
Mission	deaf	1950	41, 463	Congregations and pastors should consider the spiritual welfare of the deaf in their community their responsibility.
Mission	deaf	1962	45, 95b	All congregations are responsible for the mission to the deaf.
Mission	deeds	1971	49, 103a	Deeds of love which flow from the Gospel are an indispensable part of the Church's mission.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The Church is Christ's mission to the whole society.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The Church is Christ's mission to the whole man.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The whole Church is Christ's mission.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The Church is Christ's mission to the Church.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The Church is God's mission.
Mission	defined	1971	49, 103a	The Church is Christ's mission to the whole world.
Mission	direction	1971	49, 187a	God has set the boundaries, the direction, and the scope of Christian activity.
Mission	duty	1959	44, 185	Congregations have a responsibility to reach out to unbelievers in their community.
Mission	duty	1959	44, 185	The individual Christian has the primary responsibility to be a witness through life and word.
Mission	duty	1979	53, 99a	We are obligated to share the Gospel of Jesus as Lord and Savior with all people.
Mission	duty	1995	59, 109a	It is the will of God that we keep telling the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Mission	education	1981	54, 213a	Christians are to grow in their understanding of Christ's mission and ministry carried on in their behalf around the world.
Mission	education	1965	46, 80b	Christians should speak the Word of God to one another as they nurture, edify and educate one another for Christian life and faith.
Mission	equipped	1971	49, 187a	God has best equipped Christians for witness-bearing.
Mission	ethnic	1992	58, 106b	Synod expresses its commitment to mission among Jewish, Native American, and Eritrean peoples.
Mission	fellowship	1971	49, 130a	Synod maintains fellowship with the overseas churches that develop from its missionary activity and remain in confessional harmony with Synod.
Mission	God	1965	46, 79b	The mission is the Lord's; He is the great Doer and Sender.
Mission	God	1986	56, 127a	God uses us to gather more and more people to Himself, leading them to faith and to life abundant and eternal.
Mission	immigrant	1995	59, 106b	It is the will of the Lord that His people reach out with love and faith to immigrants that He has placed in their midst.
Mission	Indian	1959	44, 163	Local congregations should consider recently moved American Indians their responsibility.
Mission	indigenous	1938	37, 185	In its foreign missions, the Synod aims to develop an indigenous Church.
Mission	individual	1932	13, 117f	Financial troubles challenge the Church to augment zeal in personal mission work, lest the cause of missions suffer irreparable harm.
Mission	individual	1971	49, 186b	As Christians witness to what has happened in their lives because of Christ, they bear the Good news, which can bring rebirth and change to others.
Mission	individual	1971	49, 186b	God has changed me and has placed me in this world, at this time, that I may proclaim His power to redeem and effect reconciling change.
Mission	individual	1971	49, 187a	Christians, as changed people, are empowered by God to change people.
Mission	individual	1971	49, 188a	Synod dedicates itself to outreach through personal prayers for power of the Holy Spirit and personal witness.

Mission	institutional	1938	37, 158	Synod encourages congregations to undertake institutional mission work where possible.
Mission	local	1938	37, 168	The home congregation is always the most important mission-field, as it gathers the unchurched in its area.
Mission	mandate	1908	5c, 104	In spite of its lack of visible fruit, mission among the Jews must continue, since we have been commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature.
Mission	mandate	1947	40, 486	Christ commissions all believers to preach and administer the Sacraments. (Brief Statement, 30)
Mission	means	1947	40, 483	The Church goes to all the world with the means of grace which communicate grace and salvation. (Brief Statement, 22)
Mission	means	1992	58, 102b	Growth in understanding and mission zeal will take place through increased use of Word and Sacraments.
Mission	medical	1911	6, 128	Experience teaches that the proper use of medical aid removes many hindrances from the course of the Gospel.
Mission	method	1959	44, 186	The congregation reaches out by equipping its members to witness.
Mission	motive	1899	4c, 66f.	Wealthy members of the congregation should consider how freely Christ has redeemed them and from thankfulness remember the work of inner mission in their wills.
Mission	objective	1959	44, 185	The objective of missions is a growing number of people who worship and serve the true God.
Mission	opportunities	1932	13, 146	Synod has a God-given responsibility to the unlimited opportunities for mission.
Mission	practice	1971	49, 103a	Different situations in mission fields make it imperative to follow practices which take into consideration the sociological and cultural setting.
Mission	priority	1971	49, 187a	God has placed witness-bearing at the forefront of Christian activity.
Mission	priority	1989	57, 94a	Telling everyone what He has done is our highest priority.
Mission	priority	1989	57, 94b	Mission planting should become the highest priority for the Synod at all

			levels.
Mission	priority	1995 59, 106b	Cross-cultural evangelistic outreach is one of Synod's highest mission priorities.
Mission	proclamation	1971 49, 103a	In the proclamation of the Gospel the verbal and/or written witness is indispensable.
Mission	proclamation	1971 49, 187a	When I proclaim, by word and deed, His reconciling intention for all men, I am in mission.
Mission	school	1935 14, 100	Parochial schools are a vital factor for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.
Mission	scope	1956 43, 758	Christ commanded that the Gospel be preached to all nations without distinction.
Mission	scope	1956 43, 759	All persons in a parish neighborhood not associated with another Church, regardless of race, are objects of God's grace through the congregation.
Mission	scope	1965 46, 80a	The Church is Christ's mission to the whole world.
Mission	scope	1992 58, 101b	The mission of Synod is to all nations and cultures.
Mission	sin	1986 56, 120a	Members are urged to repent of the sin of mission apathy and implore God's Spirit for spiritual renewal.
Mission	society	1965 46, 81a	The Church is Christ's mission to the whole society.
Mission	society	1971 49, 187a	Witnessing is the first step in correcting the ills of any society, changing the world by changing people.
Mission	support	1938 37, 148	Missionary salaries should reflect the principle, "A laborer is worthy of his hire."
Mission	Synodical	1959 44, 186	Congregations in the Synod have jointly assumed responsibility to evangelize the world.
Mission	U.S.	1992 58, 102a	The United States is a mission field.
Mission	unity	1965 46, 83a	Congregations give expression to the oneness of their mission through cooperation and partnership.

Mission	war	1938	37, 183	We humble ourselves and repent before God, who is allowing our Chinese mission to be destroyed by war.
Mission	war	1938	37, 183	We thank God for protecting our missionaries and giving them courage in time of war.
Mission	whole Church	1965	46, 81b	The whole Church is Christ's mission.
Mission	whole man	1967	47, 93b	Our loving concern for others should be that of Christ, directed to body and mind as well as soul.
Money	lending	1869	2c, 73	Lending for interest assures the creditor of the capital and a profit and places all the risk with the debtor; this practice is immoral.
Money	loan contract	1869	2c, 76	The sinfulness of a loan contract can be determined by its definition.
Morality	breakdown	1971	49, 205b	Synod expresses concern over the growing breakdown in public morals.
Morality	Christian	1971	49, 206a	Those who belong to the body of Christ profess and practice a more excellent way of life.
Morality	Christian	1998	60, 106b	Synod supports Christian organizations who publicly stand against immoral lifestyles.
Morality	doctrine	1995	59, 160a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Morality	standard	1869	2c, 58	The standard of Christian behavior is the command to love your neighbor as yourself (accepted by the Synod, p. 72).
Mormons	reaffirmation	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Movies	blasphemy	1979	53, 161a	Synod opposes all blasphemy and pornography in movies, in the media, and in literature.
New Testament	.Cf., Bible, Word of God, Scripture			
New Testament	historicity	1969	48, 88a	In an act of faith in the incarnation as attested and presented in living reality by the Spirit of Truth in the words He taught, Synod affirms the historicity of the New Testament .
New Testament	Old Testament	1983	55, 157b	The New Testament Gospel claims substantial continuity with the Old Testament; the ancient promises came to fulfillment in Christ.

New measures	rejected	1947	40, 483	All activities for evangelism which do not apply the Word of God are condemned as “new methods” which harm the Church. (Brief Statement, 22)
Oaths	swearing	1849	1, 91	An American courtroom oath is proper because it rests on the faith of the one swearing, not on that of the official.
Office	.Cf., Pastor, Worker, Minister			
Office	Absolution	1860	1b, 47	The preacher of the Gospel alone administers Absolution in the official office.
Office	Absolution	1860	1b, 50	The pastor is not a spiritual judge who must discern the severity of sin to pronounce Absolution.
Office	authority	1847	1, 16	Temporal blessings and salvation are not dependent on one man, regardless of his office.
Office	authority	1850	1, 142	The preaching office has the power to forgive sins.
Office	authority	1851	1, 172	Those who are wrongly driven from their office do not lose the power of the office; those who depart their office or whose call is ended, do.
Office	authority	1863	2a, 53 f	Even if a pastor is an unbeliever, his sacraments are valid, not because of his office, but because they are done according to Christ’s institution. (against Donatism)
Office	authority	1992	58, 114b	The one who holds the office of the ministry carries it out on behalf of and with accountability to God and those through whom God has called him.
Office	call	1863	2a, 31 f	The call of a pastor should never take place without consultation of those already in the office.
Office	call	1863	2a, 56	A pastor is called to serve the local congregation, not the Church at large.
Office	functions	1989	57, 112a	When no pastor is available, congregations may arrange for the performance of the distinctive functions of the pastoral office by qualified individuals.
Office	functions	1989	57, 112b	The distinctive functions of the pastoral office include preaching in the services, leading formal public worship, public administration of the

sacraments, and administration of the Office of the Keys as it pertains to public absolution and discipline.

Office	functions	1995	59, 120b	Any man performing the functions of the pastoral ministry as a licensed layman should be called by the congregation and ordained into the pastoral office.
Office	Gospel	1860	1b, 44	The office of the Gospel is nothing else than an office of the forgiveness of sins.
Office	institution	1989	57, 112a	God instituted the office of the public ministry and nobody should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the Church without a regular call. (AC XIV)
Office	institution	1992	58, 114b	God has instituted the office of the pastoral ministry.
Office	keys	1989	57, 113a	The Office of the Keys ought not be carried out by those who do not hold the office of public ministry, since this can always be provided for by those who hold the office.
Office	means of grace	1857	1, 399 f	God directs Paul on the Damascus road, as he directs everyone, to his pastor for Baptism and the preached Word for salvation.
Office	men	1998	60, 123a	On the basis of Holy Scripture, only men may hold the pastoral office.
Office	minister	1983	55, 179a	“Ministers of Religion, Ordained” and “Ministers of Religion, Commissioned” are both fully ministers of religion whose functions contribute to discharging the office of the public ministry.
Office	pastor	1983	55, 179b	Only a “Minister of Religion, Ordained” is eligible for parish pastorate.
Office	prayer	1850	1, 143	Public prayer is not to be divided from public preaching and teaching.
Office	preaching	1849	1, 97	The preaching office is the highest and priestly office of the Church.
Office	removal	1884	3d, 87	Mental disorder is just grounds for suspending a pastor from his duties. It is the congregation’s holy duty to do this (p. 91).
Office	removal	1902	5a, 136	Those who are no longer able to be called by synodical congregations should be distinguished as to the grounds of their status, e.g., sickness, inability, moral failure.

Office	removal	1905	5b, 164f	Some offenses only necessitate removal from the office if they are publicly known.
Office	removal	1962	45, 73a	Staff members of educational institutions can be removed for adherence to false doctrine.
Office	removal	1983	55, 189b	The only causes for which faculty can be removed from office are incompetence, incapacity, refusal to cooperate, neglect of duties, unbecoming conduct, false doctrine or failure to uphold synodical doctrine.
Office	<i>rite vocatus</i>	1849	1, 97	The regularity of a man's call is not dependent on the possession spiritual gifts.
Office	sheep stealing	1847	1, 20	Synodical visitors are not to disturb another's office.
Office	sheep stealing	1896	4b, 130	Synodical pastors continue to avoid interference with others' congregations, even if the other pastors are not in unity of doctrine with the Synod. (General Council)
Office	suspension	1905	5b, 165	The Synod rightly suspends a pastor who publicly libels the Synod.
Office	suspension	1965	46, 134a	District Presidents are empowered to suspend pastors, professors, and teachers on account of false doctrine or ungodly life.
Office	teaching	1874	3a, 59	The election to a teaching position for a synodical school is immediately valid if no previous protest was noted (a congregation cannot later object to the election)
Office	training	1995	59, 121a	To become pastors, licensed laymen should receive training that focuses on theological orthodoxy and ministerial competence.
Office	universal	1851	1, 172	The Apostles alone possessed a universal office for the entire Church.
Office	wisdom	1863	2a, 34	Because of their knowledge of God's Word, pastors naturally have greater wisdom and knowledge than their hearers.
Offices	auxiliary	1941	38, 157	The congregation may assign and limit auxiliary offices which comprise some of the functions of the ministry proper.
Offices	women	1995	59, 120b	Women may hold all congregational offices except those of chairman, vice-chairman, elder or any other board or committee whose chairmanship the congregation may wish to restrict to men.

Officials	dismissal	1971 49, 144b	Executive secretaries may be removed from synodical office due to false doctrine, unbecoming conduct, neglect of office, or refusal to cooperate.
Ordination	adiaphora	1849 1, 97	Ordination, though an accepted, praiseworthy ceremony, has no command of God.
Ordination	call	1863 2a, 54	Ordination is a confirmation of the call.
Ordination	commendable	1947 40, 487	Ordination is not divine, but a commendable ecclesiastical ordinance. (Brief Statement, 33)
Ordination	conditions	1920 9, 96	Candidates can only be ordained after receiving a call to a specific congregation and after having been tested and found sound in faith, able to teach, and irreproachable in life.
Ordination	conditions	1962 45, 131a	Synod requires study, proper endorsements, and dedication before ordaining a candidate.
Ordination	duration	1863 2a, 54 f	The witness of the Church at ordination continues throughout the pastor's life. The Church sets the man aside for the office for life.
Ordination	institution	1863 2a, 52	Ordination is not instituted by God, but it is preserved for the sake of good order.
Ordination	justification	1863 2a, 52	The article of justification is endangered if the validity of Word and Sacrament is bound to ordination. One can never know if a pastor is properly ordained through apostolic succession.
Ordination	location	1959 44, 242	For the sake of good order, ordination shall take place in the presence of the calling congregation.
Ordination	location	1986 56, 166b	The rite of ordination or commissioning should normally take place in the presence of the congregation or entity to which the candidate has been called.
Ordination	pledge	1920 9, 96	The ordinand is to be pledged to the symbolic books of the Lutheran church according to the formula of an orthodox agenda.
Ordination	pledge	1959 44, 242	Ordinations and installations shall follow Lutheran forms, including a pledge to Scriptures and the Confessions.

Ordination	pledge	1986	56, 166a	The minister shall be solemnly pledged to the Scriptures and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church.
Ordination	repetition	1851	1, 172	It is wrong to necessitate or to forbid re-ordination, since ordination is not commanded.
Ordination	repetition	1863	2a, 55	It is inconsistent that ordination is not repeated every time a man receives a call; this only shows that ordination is an adiaphoron.
Ordination	standardized	1920	9, 96	Missionaries, circuit riders, and professors are to be ordained in a way similar to parish pastors.
Oversight	conferences	1920	9, 94	At various conferences pastors and teachers should inquire about each other's private study, administration in office, and the condition of their congregations and schools.
Parents	support	1932	13, 243	Even as Synod supports incapacitated Church workers, children of these workers still have a Scriptural duty to help them.
Parents	support	1935	14, 284	Even as Synod supports incapacitated Church workers, relatives of these workers still have a Scriptural duty to help them.
Pastor	.Cf., Office, Minister, Worker			
Office	call	1950	41, 571	God calls men into the holy office, as gifts to His church, and entrusts to them the welfare of His congregations. (Common Confession)
Pastor	character	1884	3d, 38	Only gifted students with Christian character should be admitted to the seminary, for only such do proper service for the Church.
Pastor	character	1965	46, 137a	Candidates for entering pastoral ministry by colloquy should present testimonials of Christian character and life.
Pastor	character	1967	47, 111a	Pastors entering Synod by colloquy shall present testimonials of Christian character and life.
Pastor	character	1986	56, 202b	Applicants for admission to the pastoral ministry by colloquy shall provide testimonials to Christian character and life.
Pastor	charges against	1869	2c, 105	When a synodical visitor discovers a public complaint against a pastor, he has the duty to accept the complaint and resolve the issue according to Matthew 18.

Pastor	colloquy	1986	56, 201b	Only males who are ministers, graduates of non-synodical seminaries, or minorities with a college education shall apply to the pastoral colloquy program.
Pastor	doctrine	1965	46, 137b	Men entering the pastoral ministry by colloquy shall show they fully understand and accept the doctrinal standards of the Synod.
Pastor	doctrine	1967	47, 111b	Those entering Synod by colloquy must understand and accept the doctrinal standards of the Synod, and conform to its practice.
Pastor	doctrine	1986	56, 203b	All colloquy students shall give evidence that they understand and accept the doctrinal standards of Synod, are acquainted with its practice, and intend to teach, preach, and practice in conformity with these standards.
Pastor	development	1962	45, 77a	Those interested in entering the pastoral office should be encouraged to aim for maturity and persist in the stewardship of their talents.
Pastor	development	1965	46, 139b	Students wishing to enter pastoral ministry should use every opportunity for spiritual, intellectual and social maturation and persist in a full stewardship of talents.
Pastor	duties	1989	57, 138a	Pastors are to faithfully preach Law and Gospel, privately minister to the needs of individuals, exercise Church discipline in an evangelical manner, and supervise all Christian education and training.
Pastor	medical help	1884	3d, 82	Pastors should not also provide medical services; they lack the command of God for such and would disobey the government.
Pastor	men	1983	55, 179b	The classification “Minister of Religion, Ordained” is only open to men.
Pastor	placement	1981	54, 209a	Race or color must not restrict a trained pastor’s field of service, but all pastors should be given consideration to all areas of ministry.
Pastor	recruitment	1851	1, 179	Parents have the duty to encourage their gifted sons to enter the ministry; congregations, to support them.
Pastor	recruitment	1956	43, 188	All members of Synod should be repeatedly reminded to recruit qualified candidates for the ministry.
Pastor	recruitment	1962	45, 77a	Pastors, teachers, and laymen will foster the recruitment of qualified students without inhibiting the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor	recruitment	1965	46, 140a	Recruitment of interested and qualified students should be fostered without inhibiting the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.
Pastor	respect	1950	41, 572	As pastors are faithful to their calling, they are entitled to the love and respect of their congregations. (Common Confession)
Pastor	training	1986	56, 203b	The colloquy program shall include comprehensive training in the major areas of theology.
Paul	conversion	1857	1, 355	J. Gerhard does not contradict Luther, although the first maintains Paul was converted without preaching and the latter that he was converted through the Word of Christ.
People	gifts	1989	57, 110b	Synod recognizes all of God's gifts to His Church, in particular the gift of people.
Perfectionism	rejected	1950	41, 570	In this world the Christian can never attain perfect sinlessness because sin inheres in him until death, but we do make progress in Christian life. (Common Confession)
Person	value	1992	58, 117a	Each person, no matter how infirm or socially useless he or she may appear, deserves to be accepted as a being created in the image of God.
Politics	activities	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Polity	congregational	1983	55, 181b	The polity of Synod is essentially and principally congregational in nature.
Polity	constitution	1908	5c, 116	One who joins the Synod also submits to its constitution and should behave in accordance with it.
Polity	hierarchical	1983	55, 181b	There are aspects in the relationships within Synod which civil courts may regard as hierarchical dimensions.
Pollution	control	1969	48, 107a	Every effort should be made to control polluting the environment into which the Creator has placed us.
Pope	condemnation	1872	2d, 105	The Synod need not condemn all the specific blasphemies of the Pope since it openly confesses him to be an instrument of Satan.
Pornography	aim	1986	56, 130b	Pornography seeks to arouse sexual desire that is not directed toward good but toward self-gratification—a mark of an unredeemed life.

Pornography	defined	1986	56, 130b	Pornography is defined as writing, pictures, etc. intended primarily to arouse sexual desire.
Pornography	faith	1986	56, 131a	Pornography and its habitual use poses a serious threat to faith and the spiritual life.
Pornography	Scripture	1986	56, 130b	Pornography, as such, is not explicitly mentioned in Scripture.
Poverty	neglect	1969	48, 164a	Synod cautions itself against the sin of “living in purple and fine linen” while passing by the beggar on the street.
Practice	confessional	1938	37, 232	Christian practice must harmonize with Biblical, confessional doctrine and efforts must be made to correct deviation.
Practice	confessional	1971	49, 110a	The Church is edified only when practice is in harmony with Scripture and the Confessions.
Prayer	biblical	1850	1, 144	The Lord’s Prayer and the prayers of the Bible teach us to pray properly.
Prayer	civil	1850	1, 140	Days of prayer commanded by civil authority may not be observed; they mix the two governments.
Prayer	fathers	1850	1, 144	The father of the home may freely pray in family devotional time.
Prayer	joint	1953	42, 552	Joint prayer at intersynodical meetings is not unionistic nor sinful, provided it does not imply denial of truth or support of error.
Prayer	joint	1962	45, 110a	The Synod has treated joint prayer as a matter to be dealt with in Christian judgment under various circumstances.
Prayer	liturgical	1850	1, 144	Neglecting traditional prayers equates to despising salutary, godly words.
Prayer	public	1850	1, 143	Public prayer belongs to the duties assigned to the pastor by the congregation and should only be spoken by him.
Prayer	traditional	1850	1, 144	Traditional prayers are no less edifying than <i>ex corde</i> prayers.
Prayer	wartime	1967	47, 152a	In time of war, Christians pray for their leaders, for enlightenment, for peace, and for deliverance.
Prayer	will of God	1965	46, 81a	Christians seek God’s will through prayer and study to determine how they

should respond to society.

Preachers	lay	1849	1, 100	Congregation members may not preach in the absence of their pastor unless the sermon has been previously judged to be orthodox. (clarified 1850 as referring to seminarians)
Preachers	lay	1989	57, 112b	Licensed lay preachers shall have completed an appropriate course of study and been approved by the District President. Sermons shall be guided and directed by a supervising pastor.
Preachers	seminarians	1850	1, 150	Sermons of seminarians must be checked and found to be orthodox.
Preaching	affective	1850	1, 135	Preaching for a planned effect (Methodism) is unfaithful to God's Word.
Preaching	content	1847	1, 13	Preaching is to include Law and Gospel, teaching and admonishing, warning and correcting errors.
Preaching	effective	1850	1, 135	Preaching is effective when the judgments of God are declared.
Preaching	effective	1850	1, 135 f	A sermon may be judged by its ability to convince and its use of rhetoric.
Preaching	function	1989	57, 112b	A distinction should be made between the functions of composing and delivering sermons and simply reading a sermon composed by a pastor.
Preaching	goal	1850	1, 135	Preaching has one single goal: to preach God's Word pure and clear; not to strive for an emotional effect.
Preaching	lectionary	1849	1, 90	It is preferable to preach on the Gospel on Sundays and feast days, but this is not a matter of conscience.
Preaching	manner	1847	1, 16	Preachers are not to insult the congregation.
Preaching	read	1989	57, 112b	In an emergency situation, the elders of the congregation may select a male member to read in public worship a sermon composed by a pastor.
Preaching	sheep stealing	1850	1, 136	"Street preaching" in towns where churches exist is rejected.
Preaching	standards	1847	1, 18	Preachers affirm commitment to Word of God and to the Confessions.
Prejudice	.Cf., racism			
Prejudice	rejected	1967	47, 144a	All people of every religion, race, and ethnic group are loved by the

			Father, redeemed by the Son, and need the quickening power of the Spirit.
Presidency	duties	1911 6, 134	Due to the great responsibility given with the many blessings poured on the Synod, the synodical president should only serve in this one office of the Church.
President	duties	1911 6, 134	The president of the Synod may not serve as a pastor of a congregation in such a way that he cannot fulfill his presidential duties.
President	academic	1947 40, 427	The president of each of Synod's institutions shall be its spiritual head.
President	academic	1947 40, 427	The president of a school or seminary is the pastoral and spiritual advisor to students.
President	academic	1998 60, 131b	A college or seminary president serves as the spiritual head of the institution.
President	academic	1998 60, 132a	A college or seminary president is responsible for the provision of spiritual care and nurture for every student.
President	authority	1917 8, 46	The president has the right and power to advise, admonish and remonstrate as he seeks to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practice (Constitution).
President	district	1917 8, 48	District presidents are duty bound to supervise doctrine, life and administration of office of pastors and teachers in their district (Constitution).
President	district	1917 8, 48	District presidents have the right and duty to of visitations in order to learn of the religious conditions in the congregations (Constitution).
President	district	1917 8, 48	District presidents are empowered to suspend pastors, professors and teachers who persist in false doctrine or public offense cause by an ungodly life (Constitution).
President	district	1995 59, 152b	District Presidents have a pastoral relationship with all members of Synod in their Districts.
President	district	1998 60, 149a	District Presidents are expected to carry out the resolutions of Synod pertaining to public doctrine and practice.
President	district	1998 60, 149b	The President of Synod has ecclesiastical supervision of all District Presidents.

President	oversight	1881	3c, 32	The council of presidents together with the general president serve as overseers and defenders of the purity of doctrine.
President	oversight	1917	8, 46	The president of the Synod supervises the doctrine and administration of the synodical officers and district presidents (Constitution).
President	oversight	1920	9, 91	The oversight of doctrine committed to the synodical president entails regular visitation of synodical teaching institutions. (Bylaw)
President	oversight	1920	9, 92	The President has oversight of doctrine and supervises the publication of synodical resolutions.
Pro-life	Biblical	1998	60, 120a	Synod's pro-life position rejecting the inhumane treatment of unborn children through willful abortion is Biblical.
Procreation	love	1983	55, 159a	Synod affirms that the union of mutual love is the only proper context for human procreation.
Professor	call	1881	3c, 73	The board of directors of synodical institutions provides professors elected by the Synod with a written call.
Professor	lay	1969	48, 129b	Lay professors should be solemnly pledged to the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and to the Lutheran Confessions.
Professor	lay	1971	49, 129b	Lay professors shall be pledged to the Scriptures and the Confessions.
Professor	lay	1989	57, 146a	Lay candidates for teaching positions should be solemnly pledged to the Holy Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and to the Lutheran Confessions.
Professor	pastoral	1995	59, 160a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Professor	removal	1959	44, 122	The Board of Control may remove professors who are incompetent, neglectful of their office, or incapacitated.
Professor	removal	1959	44, 123	The Electors may remove professors for refusal to cooperate, neglect of duties, unchristian conduct, or false doctrine.
Professor	removal	1971	49, 130a	Professors may be removed for incompetence, incapacity, refusal to cooperate, neglect of duties, unbecoming conduct or false doctrine.

Professor	removal	1992	58, 147b	A professor may be removed for incompetence, incapacity, refusal to cooperate, neglect of duties, unbecoming conduct, and advocacy of false doctrine or failure to uphold synodical doctrine.
Professor	supervision	1971	49, 131a	Faculty members are under the ecclesiastical supervision of Synod.
Prophecy	clarity	1857	1, 331	Prophecy becomes clearer in its fulfillment, not gradually through human speculation.
Prophecy	clarity	1857	1, 388	The meaning of biblical prophesy becomes clear in its fulfillment, not in human speculation.
Prophecy	fulfillment	1965	46, 100b	The Old Testament prophecies of the Savior find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of sinners.
Prophecy	today	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that God gives guidance to the Church today through visions and dreams of direct prophecy.
Protest	violence	1995	59, 141a	Synod deplors, renounces, and repudiates violence as a means of protest.
Providence	universal	1965	46, 80a	God is active in the lives of all through his creative and providential concern.
Publications	confessional	1969	48, 151a	All Church literature needs to remain in conformity with the Scriptures as reflected in the Confessions and the doctrinal position of Synod.
Publications	confessional	1971	49, 205a	Synodical publications should give priority to instructional articles in accord with Scripture and the Confessions.
Publications	confessional	1983	55, 160b	Congregations are responsible to review in the light of Scripture and the Confessions all hymns, instructional, liturgical, and practical materials used in their total ministry.
Publications	editing	1914	7, 39	The editors of Church-papers are responsible to the general body alone and may refuse to publish protests.
Publications	private	1929	12, 138	All who publish materials not approved by Synod should avoid ambiguous language and suggestions counter to Synod's practice.
Publications	youth	1971	49, 183b	Youth publications should be Christ-centered and Bible-oriented.
Questions	open	1947	40, 491	Open questions are those which Scripture answers either not at all or not clearly. (Brief Statement, 44)

Race	.Cf., prejudice			
Race	dignity	1981	54, 205a	Synod affirms human life and the dignity of all persons and all races.
Racism	confession	1971	49, 198b	Synod confesses its sin of racism.
Racism	CTCR	1995	59, 112b	The CTCR majority and minority reports on Racism are commended for study and conversation.
Racism	rejected	1959	44, 316	Scriptural truth opposes racial or ethnic antipathies.
Racism	rejected	1965	46, 81b	Racism denies the unity of all Christians in Christ and His mission.
Racism	rejected	1967	47, 123b	Denying congregational membership or privileges to a Christian because of race or ethnic origin contradicts Scriptures and the Confessions.
Racism	rejected	1971	49, 192a	Racism destroys the oneness God intends for all people.
Racism	rejected	1981	54, 205a	Synod reaffirms its earlier statements against racism and violence.
Racism	response	1956	43, 759	The Church should guide members to eliminate discrimination in society.
Racism	response	1962	45, 139b	As citizens, Christians are responsible to work for the elimination of discrimination.
Racism	response	1992	58, 114a	The Synod repudiates all racism and urges members to celebrate God's love by loving all fellow humans and to work toward social justice.
Racism	sensitivity	1983	55, 137a	We ask God to increase our sensitivities concerning racial prejudice and other injustices.
Racism	sin	1971	49, 190a	Synod confesses its failure to recognize the Indian American as a creature of God like ourselves.
Racism	sin	1977	52, 204b	Racism is a sin.
Reconciler	qualifications	1992	58, 143a	Reconcilers shall be people "of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom."
Reconciliation	beginning	1992	58, 141b	Biblical reconciliation begins with the truth that we are all sinners who have been reconciled to God through Christ Jesus.

Reconciliation	Biblical	1995	59, 147a	Reconciliation efforts shall follow the guidelines of Matt. 18:15-16.
Reconciliation	Christ	1983	55, 156a	Reconciliation in Christ is the only means of achieving true and lasting peace with fellow human beings.
Reconciliation	joy	1992	58, 142a	When there is repentance and reconciliation, the Body of Christ rejoices in its oneness with Christ and with one another.
Reconciliation	justification	1992	58, 141b	The center of all Christian conflict resolution is the justification of the sinner through grace in Christ Jesus.
Reconciliation	love	1995	59, 147b	Reconciliation efforts should be made on the basis of Christian love and forgiveness.
Reconciliation	procedure	1992	58, 143b	Reconcilers and Dispute Resolution Panels shall be governed in all their actions by Scripture, the Confessions, and the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod.
Reconciliation	procedure	1995	59, 148b	Efforts at reconciliation shall be governed by Scripture, the Confessions, and the Constitution and Bylaws of Synod.
Reformation	principles	1969	48, 85a	God blesses the Synod in its adherence to the principles “Scripture alone,” “justification through faith alone,” and “grace alone.”
Reformation	principles	1983	55, 153a	Synod recommits itself to the Reformation principles of <i>Sola Scriptura</i> , <i>Sola Gratia</i> , and <i>Sola Fide</i> .
Reformation	principles	1986	56, 140a	The Church’s mission statement should affirm the confession of Christ’s forgiveness by grace alone through faith alone as taught in Scripture alone.
Relationships	believers	1998	60, 108a	People will be attracted to and kept in the fellowship of believers by strong internal life and relationship in the Church.
Relationships	human	1971	49, 192a	God expects us to develop wholesome human relationships.
Religion	public	1998	60, 106b	Members are encouraged to publicly and privately be in the Word and prayer at home, school, work, and Church.
Research	gift	1992	58, 120b	Research and rational analysis are God’s good gifts and have an appropriate use in the life and mission of the Church.
Resolutions	application	1986	56, 168b	Congregations may not act arbitrarily in determining the applicability of

			synodical resolutions, but they should act in accord with Christian love and charity.
Resolutions	authority	1971 49, 115a	The only basis for accepting doctrinal statements is that they accord with Scripture and the pattern set by the Symbols.
Resolutions	authority	1971 49, 115a	Doctrinal resolutions, insofar as they are in accord with Scripture and the Confessions, are binding on all synodical members.
Resolutions	authority	1971 49, 189b	Resolutions about social ministry and world relief are also binding on Districts.
Resolutions	authority	1977 52, 130a	Doctrinal statements shall be honored and upheld. Members shall abide by, act, and teach in accordance with them.
Resolutions	authority	1986 56, 168b	Synod expects every member congregation to respect its resolutions as binding if they are in accord with the Word of God and applicable to the local situation.
Resolutions	conscience	1983 55, 156a	Synod in principle opposes adopting conscience-binding pronouncements which are not based on the clear teaching of Scripture.
Resolutions	dissent	1971 49, 128b	Dissent of synodical doctrinal resolutions should be first expressed with peers and then brought to the CTCR.
Resolutions	District	1977 52, 163a	The status of district resolutions as stated in Art. XII and Bylaws 3.07 and 3.11 is reaffirmed.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1971 49, 114b	Adopting doctrinal statements is in accord with the precedent set by the Lutheran fathers.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1971 49, 119b	Synod affirms its commitment to uphold and honor the doctrinal content of its statements under the norms of Scripture and Confessions.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1971 49, 119b	Synodical resolutions are valid interpretations of Christian doctrine.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1977 52, 130a	Synod has a right to adopt doctrinal resolutions in harmony with the Scriptures and the Confessions.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1977 52, 130a	Doctrinal resolutions reiterate the corporate position of Synod for information, counsel, and guidance of its membership.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1986 56, 164a	Synod has the right to adopt doctrinal resolutions and statements which are

in harmony with Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

Resolutions	doctrinal	1986	56, 164b	Doctrinal resolutions may be adopted for information, counsel, and guidance of the membership. They conform to the confessional position of Synod and are to be honored and upheld until amended or repealed.
Resolutions	social	1969	48, 143a	Synod must refrain from issuing superficial moral judgments or urging actions in social matters for which there is no clear Word of God.
Resolutions	support	1965	46, 192a	All congregations heartily support all resolutions of the Synod's conventions.
Resurrection	CTCR	1971	49, 109b	"A Statement on Death, Resurrection, and Immortality" is commended for reference and guidance.
Resurrection	general	1950	41, 572	When Christ returns for judgment, He will raise all the dead, believers to life and others to damnation. (Common Confession)
Resurrection	one	1947	40, 491	There will be only one general resurrection of the dead.
Retirement	age	1977	52, 150a	Arbitrary retirement at 65 may be impractical, unwise, dehumanizing and a form of discrimination.
Revelation	mediate	1857	1, 388	The Church, bound to God's mediate revelation--the Scriptures, is not able to predict the future, unless God sends a prophet.
Revelation	natural	1965	46, 80a	God works in the lives of all people through the law written on their hearts and the revelation of God in creation and nature.
Romanism	un-Lutheran	1959	44, 207	The Roman faith is fundamentally un-Lutheran in spirit and thinking, since it places the Church above the Bible.
Romanism	marriage	1959	44, 208	Lutheranism rejects the Roman doctrines of the essence, purpose, and importance of marriage.
Romanism	rejected	1959	44, 208	Lutheranism cannot accept the Roman doctrines of the Church, the adoration of the saints, the Mass, and good works.
RSO	doctrine	1986	56, 172a	Recognized Service Organizations shall honor and uphold the doctrine and practice of Synod as set forth in Scripture and the Confessions.
RSO	doctrine	1989	57, 131b	Recognized Service Organizations must have respect for and action not contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod as set forth in Scripture and the

Confessions.

RSO	doctrine	1995	59, 150a	A Recognized Service Organization respects and does not act contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod.
RSO	doctrine	1995	59, 150b	A Recognized Service Organization respects and does not act contrary to the doctrine and practice of the Synod as set forth in the Scriptures, Confessions, and the applicable resolutions.
Sabbath	abolished	1947	40, 490	In the New Testament God abolished the Sabbath and all prescription of holy days. (Brief Statement, 41)
Sacraments	.Cf., Means of grace			
Sacraments	administration	1989	57, 113a	Public administration of the Sacraments should be performed by a pastor if at all possible.
Sacraments	distinction	1850	1, 136	Baptism and Lord's Supper correspond to the birth and growth of life.
Sacraments	efficacy	1950	41, 571	The efficacy of the means of grace does not depend on the faith of the administrant but on the power of the Word of God. (Common Confession)
Sacraments	emergency	1849	1, 98	Sacraments are effected by the Word; yet the man of the house is not to consecrate private communion.
Sacraments	Word	1860	1b, 55	The Sacraments, as visible Word, have no content but that of the Word (i.e., forgiveness).
Salvation	.Cf., Justification			
Salvation	Christ alone	1962	45, 102b	The constitution requires that missionaries teach the Word, therefore, that Christ is the only way to heaven.
Salvation	Christ alone	1965	46, 99a	Jesus Christ is THE Savior of the world
Salvation	Christ alone	1971	49, 102b	Individuals can receive eternal life only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
Salvation	Christ alone	1979	53, 99a	Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation.
Salvation	experience	1971	49, 186b	God makes the Christian's heart His home by His means of grace in a private experience.

Salvation	faith alone	1965	46, 99a	There is no other way of salvation than through faith in Christ.
Salvation	Gospel	1911	6, 128	The Gospel is the single means to convert hearts to Christ, their God and Savior.
Salvation	means	1866	2b, 44	Strictly speaking, only faith and what necessarily follows from it is necessary for salvation.
Salvation	sanctifying	1971	49, 186a	Our acceptance of forgiveness leads to reconciliation and the promised changes His presence brings.
Salvation	universal	1956	43, 758	God will have all men to be saved.
Salvation	universal	1956	43, 758	Christ died for the whole world.
Salvation	vicarious	1950	41, 568	God sent Christ to fulfill the law and suffer punishment in the sinner's stead. (Common Confession)
Sanctification	tongues	1977	52, 132a	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that sanctification is incomplete without the gift of tongues.
Satan	entertainment	1983	55, 162a	Congregations and pastors should warn of the designs and wiles of Satan, that no one be lured by seemingly harmless entertainment.
Satan	unbelievers	1947	40, 484	All unbelievers are dwelling-places and instruments of Satan.
Scharlemann	essays	1962	45, 107b	Certain of Dr. Scharlemann's essays are doctrinally misleading.
School	.Cf., Sunday School, State, Education, Teachers			
School	aid	1950	41, 395	State aid to subsidize Church schools wrongly involves the state in religious instruction.
School	aid	1965	46, 153b	Federal aid for children attending parish schools is acceptable so long as it does not interfere with the school's purposes.
School	aid	1969	48, 133b	Government aid to a parish school is acceptable as long as it does not interfere with the school's distinctive purposes.
School	citizenship	1981	54, 201b	Parochial schools train children for Christian citizenship.
School	mission	1965	46, 153b	Congregations which receive subsidies for their schools should strive to win

				both unchurched children and their parents for Christ.
School	parish	1932	13, 109	Indoctrination offered in a Christian day-school is powerful in keeping youth with the Church.
School	public	1941	38, 161	Pastors and teachers should bring attention to public school instruction inimical to the faith.
School	parochial	1981	54, 201b	Parochial schools are religious institutions.
School	purpose	1959	44, 328	We establish Lutheran schools because it is desirable to combine religious education with regular subjects.
Scouting	.Cf., Boy Scouts			
Scripture	.Cf., Word of God, Bible, New Testament			
Scripture	authority	1953	42, 576	The original texts of Scripture constitute the authority for synodical doctrine.
Scripture	authority	1956	43, 334	The original texts of the Scriptures constitute the authority for synodical doctrine.
Scripture	authority	1971	49, 139a	Matters clearly taught in Scripture are not to be reduced to theological opinion or exegetical questions.
Scripture	authority	1986	56, 139a	Every congregation, pastor, and teacher accepts without reservation the Scriptures as the Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice and the Lutheran Confessions as a true exposition.
Scripture	authorship	1965	46, 103a	Scriptures ascribe the authorship of the Pentateuch and Isaiah to Moses and Isaiah respectively, though not necessarily exclusively.
Scripture	authorship	1965	46, 103a	Synod does not bind consciences by saying more than Scripture about its authorship.
Scripture	authorship	1965	46, 103a	Divine authorship is the dominant factor in the origin of the Bible.
Scripture	clarity	1965	46, 102a	Scripture, as the only source and norm of doctrine, is clear.
Scripture	content	1950	41, 569	Scriptures teach both Law and Gospel, but the Gospel is the chief doctrine. (Common Confession)
Scripture	CTCR	1965	46, 100a	Synod adopts CTCR document "Statement on Scripture."

Scripture	hermeneutic	1965	46, 101b	Understanding Scripture in their grammatical-historical sense is part and parcel of the Law-Gospel emphasis.
Scripture	hermeneutic	1965	46, 101b	Justification by faith is the perspective from which all Scripture is to be approached.
Scripture	hermeneutic	1965	46, 102a	Scripture should not be approached with any assumption or theory not found in the text itself, or that contradicts a clear passage or the analogy of faith.
Scripture	hermeneutic	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Scripture	historicity	1971	49, 139a	Historical details, such as Adam and Eve and the life of Christ, are clearly and accurately taught by Scripture.
Scripture	inerrant	1947	40, 476	Scripture is the inspired and inerrant Word of God, the only norm and rule of faith and life.
Scripture	inerrant	1947	40, 477	The position that the Scripture is partly the word of man and might contain error is rejected. (Brief Statement, 3)
Scripture	inerrant	1950	41, 569	Scriptures are God's inerrant Word, which alone establishes all articles of faith. (Common Confession)
Scripture	inerrant	1959	44, 242	Ordinands shall pledge themselves to the Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
Scripture	inerrant	1965	46, 103a	All teachings which limit the inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture or deny the divine authorship of certain portions are rejected
Scripture	inerrant	1967	47, 95a	The Holy Scripture is the inerrant Word of God.
Scripture	inerrant	1969	48, 93b	Synod affirms the plenary, verbal inspiration of Scripture, and its inerrancy.
Scripture	inspiration	1950	41, 569	God inspired the whole Scriptures, which are centered in Jesus Christ. The Spirit testifies that they are true. (Common Confession)
Scripture	normative	1947	40, 477	Scripture is the sole source of doctrine, the sole norm of faith. (Brief Statement, 2)
Scripture	Principles	1971	49, 128a	"A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" is in accord with Word

			of God and is accepted as “formal statement of belief.”
Scripture	reading	1989 57, 118b	Decisions regarding the lay reading of Scripture lie in the area of Christian judgment.
Scripture	rule of faith	1947 40, 477	The rule of faith which clarifies the Scriptures are the clear passages of Scripture itself. (Brief Statement, 2)
Scripture	Statement	1959 44, 189	The document, “Statement on Scripture,” is adopted as a true and correct exposition of the doctrine of Scripture.
Scripture	Synod	1992 58, 154b	The circuit forum may study Scripture and the Confessions to promote an evangelical spirit in our walking together.
Scripture	Word of God	1947 40, 477	Scripture is the Word of God, written by inspiration of the Spirit and wholly without error. (Brief Statement, 1)
Scripture	Word of God	1962 45, 109b	Scripture is the Word of God, the only rule and norm of faith and practice.
Scripture	Word of God	1969 48, 85a	The Scriptures are the verbally inspired and infallible written Word of God, according to which all preaching, teaching, and living is to be ordered and judged.
Scripture	Word of God	1969 48, 93b	Scripture is in all its words and parts the very Word of God.
Sectarianism	rejected	1965 46, 81b	Sectarianism desecrates Christianity as if it were a religion of human design.
Seminary	graduates	1962 45, 77b	Graduates from both seminaries are recognized as precious gifts of God to the Church.
Seminary	graduates	1965 46, 140a	Graduates of both seminaries should be recognized and received as precious gifts of God to the Church.
Seminary	graduates	1967 47, 130b	Graduates of both seminaries are recognized and received as precious gifts of God to the Church.
Seminary	orthodoxy	1995 59, 133a	Synod gives thanks for the confessional orthodoxy of the Ft. Wayne seminary theological programs.
Separatism	rejected	1983 55, 153b	Synod rejects sins of prejudice, ridicule, caricature, separatism, pride, and lack of charity toward Christians of other denominations.

Sex	blessings	1979	53, 117b	There are blessings and safeguards inherent in God’s will for chastity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage.
Sex	education	1992	58, 171b	Parents, teachers, pastors, and leaders have a God-given responsibility to teach the blessings of reserving sexual relations for marriage.
Sex	fantasies	1986	56, 130b	Pornography must be condemned not only for sexual abuse which may ensue, but also for the fantasies it inspires.
Sex	fellowship	1983	55, 159a	Our creation as sexual beings intimates our creation for fellowship
Sex	gift	1977	52, 135a	Sex is God’s wholesome gift, which is not to be debased, cheapened, or perverted.
Sex	marriage	1983	55, 159a	God’s will is that sexual intercourse be engaged in only between a man and woman committed to a complete and lifelong sharing of their lives in marriage.
Sex	responsible	1992	58, 172a	Responsible sexual expression has our relationship in faith as a new creation in Christ Jesus as its motivation and power.
Sex	sins	1998	60, 124a	Those caught up in forms of sexual immorality are to be viewed as people for whose sins Christ has atoned and whose remedy lies in the Spirit’s work through Law and Gospel.
Sexuality	Biblical	1992	58, 117b	The Bible offers models of sexual celibacy outside of a committed, permanent heterosexual marriage and same-gender social, but not genitally sexual, deep friendships.
Sexuality	CTCR	1983	55, 159a	The CTCR document “Human Sexuality” is commended for study and guidance.
Sexuality	gift	1986	56, 131a	Human sexuality as the Creator’s good gift should be distinguished from distortions resultant from the Fall.
Sin	bonds	1893	4a, 120	Issuing bonds contradicts love when those who buy them risk funds they should administer in the interest of family and alms, and when those who sell them seek to distribute the losses caused through their own fault.
Sin	carelessness	1869	2c, 72	Carelessness which could lead to another’s harm is itself sin.
Sin	dancing	1849	1, 89 f	The pastor should condemn and discourage dancing.

Sin	debt	1884	3d, 61	District presidents should deal with those who refuse to pay their debt to the publishing house as they deal with other scandalous sinners.
Sin	debt	1893	4a, 117	The publishing house should inform district presidents of members of Synod who neglect to pay their bill. They should be dealt with as offending sinners.
Sin	defined	1971	49, 186a	Sin is raw rebellion, the refusal to let God reign in our lives.
Sin	destructive	1971	49, 186a	Sin, a disease which man carries, is an awesome and destroying reality that leads to death.
Sin	discipline	1944	39, 226	In cases of excommunication, the Board of Appeals will determine whether the sin makes the person a heathen and publican.
Sin	loan contract	1869	2c, 77ff	A loan contract which requires repayment with interest irrespective of the success of the venture is sinful.
Sin	malice	1998	60, 150b	Malice divides Christians and grieves God's Holy Spirit.
Sin	music	1849	1, 90	Pastor should discourage musicians from working in theaters and dance halls.
Sin	origin	1947	40, 478	Sin came by the fall of the first man, so all men are sinners by birth, dead in sin, and unable to reconcile themselves to God. (Brief Statement, 7).
Sin	original	1950	41, 568	By man's disobedience all are born sinful and are unable to observe God's commands and are in bondage to the devil. (Common Confession)
Sin	public	1977	52, 136a	Synod expresses opposition to public sins and offers guidance from God's Word on moral issues.
Sin	publicizing	1847	1, 17	Pastor not to publicize suspected sins.
Sin	real	1971	49, 186a	Sin is an awesome reality which permeates every nook and cranny of human exchange.
Sin	thoughts	1986	56, 130b	A person's thought and will is subject to the limitations of the divine will for human sexuality.
Sin	youth	1926	11, 61	Youth should be warned against those sins done in secret to which they are easily tempted (sexuality).

Social ills	life	1971	49, 191b	Poverty, hunger, crime, dehumanization and injustice threaten the fullness of life God wants for all.
Solas	.Cf., Reformation			
Soul	death	1967	47, 95a	The soul does not cease to exist after death.
Soul	immortal	1908	5c, 84	Immigrants to New York are encouraged by our missionary to care for their immortal souls.
Spirit	fruits	1860	1b, 48	Experiences of the heart are fruits of forgiveness, which remains even in their absence.
Spirit	gifts	1977	52, 131b	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that God promises every Christian tongues, healing, and prophecy as part of the full Gospel.
Spirit	gifts	1977	52, 131b	It is contrary to Scriptures to teach that the gifts of Spirit are external signs to assure us of our faith.
Spirit	gifts	1989	57, 119a	The faithful use of Word and Sacrament is the source of all spiritual strength, through which the Spirit gives His gifts to the Church.
Spirit	immediate	1947	40, 484	We reject the dangerous doctrine that the Spirit comes through an immediate operation of grace. (Brief Statement, 23)
Spirit	renewing	1986	56, 131b	Only the renewing power to the Holy Spirit who works through Word and Sacraments can change the heart both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.
Spirit	Sanctifier	1950	41, 570	The believer is prompted and enabled by the love of God and the indwelling Spirit to live according to God's commands. (Common Confession)
State	.Cf., Church, Citizenship			
State	Church	1965	46, 178b	The department of public relations should communicate a clear insistence of separation of Church and state.
State	disobedience	1967	47, 95b	The CTCR document on "Civil Obedience and Disobedience" furnishes instruction and counsel in harmony with Scripture and the Confessions.
State	mandate	1983	55, 156a	Governmental authorities have a God-given responsibility to provide for the

safety and welfare of citizens.

State	power	1947	40, 487	The State makes civil laws and may employ execution and punishment to enforce them. (Brief Statement, 34)
<i>Statement, A</i>	Revision	1977	52, 137b	<i>A Revision to A Statement</i> is commended for prayerful study and use.
Stewardship	Biblical	1965	46, 190a	Stewardship counsel should be based on sound Scriptural teachings (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph.4; 1 Peter 2, etc.).
Stewardship	Biblical	1983	55, 178a	The work of the department of stewardship will be in accordance with Biblical principles of stewardship.
Stewardship	congregation	1981	54, 213a	Christians have the privilege and duty to live as stewards within a local congregation, sharing time, talents, and treasures.
Stewardship	definition	1971	49, 215b	Faithful stewards of Jesus Christ are to grow in effectively carrying out Christ's ministry and mission collectively and in personal relationships.
Stewardship	definition	1981	54, 213a	Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of lie and life's resources for God's purposes.
Stewardship	District	1938	37, 308	Districts which contribute their quota to the Synod should not grow weary but rejoice in the fruits of faith.
Stewardship	District	1938	37, 308	Districts which fail to contribute their quota should continue to trust that God will let them see the fruits of their work.
Stewardship	fundraising	1995	59, 132a	Fundraising should use Biblical principles instead of a worldly, legalist approach.
Stewardship	generosity	1926	11, 202	Since the Lord has blessed some Christians with material wealth, Synod encourages large donations of legacies, endowments, and the like.
Stewardship	goal	1969	48, 158a	We must all seek to combine mission and stewardship so that God's gifts are most effectively used to achieve God's redemptive purposes.
Stewardship	God-pleasing	1971	49, 211b	God pleasing stewardship plays a role in raising funds for the Lord's work.
Stewardship	growth	1981	54, 213a	Christians are to grow in the dedication of their lives and resources to Jesus who died and rose for them.

Stewardship	growth	1981	54, 213a	Christians are to grow in the grace of giving from regular income and accumulated resources.
Stewardship	management	1981	54, 213a	Christians in a congregation are to grow in their skills of effective management of corporate resources.
Stewardship	motive	1914	7, 49	Congregations would donate more to missions if they would regularly familiarize themselves with the needs of different treasuries at stated intervals.
Stewardship	motive	1941	38, 371	Evangelical means bring about a willingness to accept responsibility for the Church's mission.
Stewardship	non-Lutherans	1852	1, 222	It is wrong to seek contributions from non-Lutherans for Lutheran churchly purposes.
Stewardship	non-members	1852	1, 223	Those who refuse to join a congregation for fear of having to help support it should be admonished and, if necessary, turned away.
Stewardship	principles	1992	58, 135a	Leaders and pastors should lead congregational members to respond to God's love in Christ through "firstfruit," proportionate, and liberal and cheerful giving.
Stewardship	proportional	1914	7, 49	Many proposed that individual congregations should impose on themselves a systematic giving of sufficient sums in proportion to their ability.
Stewardship	proportional	1941	38, 371	Evangelical means urge proportionate giving.
Stewardship	scope	1981	54, 213a	Christians are stewards of the resources given to the Lord's work and all the gifts entrusted to them by the Lord.
Stewardship	seminary	1902	5a, 79	According to 1 Cor. 12, gifts of teaching are given to the Church for the common use.
Stewardship	students	1932	13, 125	Students should be encouraged to use their talents and training in the interest of the work of the Church.
Stewardship	Synodical	1902	5a, 79	Material means given by God to His Church are to be used for the most effective building of the kingdom of God.
Stewardship	tithe	1967	47, 168b	The president and boards of Synod are to seek to encourage members in the

joy and blessing of the Christian tithing.

Stewardship	tithe	1983	55, 165a	Synod encourages all members to move toward or beyond tithing of personal income.
Stewardship	wealth	1977	52, 189b	Our abundance is a gift from God to be shared with those in need.
Students	aid	1941	38, 133	Students at a synodical schools who receive government aid are not thereby violating Scripture, the Confessions or synodical doctrine or practice.
Students	aid	1950	41, 395	Lutheran school students rightly receive state social services.
Students	life	1998	60, 134a	Each faculty shall recommend policy regarding out-of-class life and activity of its students, policies conducive to Christian deportment.
Students	health	1923	10, 35	It is a holy duty to care for the bodily health of students. We must give them opportunity for physical activity.
Students	pastoral care	1926	11, 120	Synod has a duty to spiritually care for students at non-synodical schools.
Students	pastoral care	1932	13, 124	Spiritual care of Lutheran college and university students is vital for conserving the strength of the Church.
Suborder	reaffirmation	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Suffering	positive	1977	52, 137a	Synod affirms that suffering has positive benefits, so that God's children may be comforted in Christ and have their sights focused on eternal values.
Suffering	value	1992	58, 117a	While suffering is an intrusion into life, it provides the opportunity for Christian witness and service.
Suffrage	affirmed	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Suffrage	men	1956	43, 570	Men who exercise suffrage in their congregations should do so to the glory of God and the welfare of the Church.
Suffrage	women	1956	43, 570	Congregations with women's suffrage should reconsider this practice in the light of Scripture and conform to Synod's practice.
Suffrage	women	1965	46, 103b	Women's suffrage in the Church is contrary to Scripture only when it violates Scriptural principles of authority.

Suffrage	women	1969	48, 88b	Scripture does not prohibit women from exercising franchise in congregational or synodical assemblies.
Suffrage	women	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Suffrage	women	1995	59, 119b	Synod reaffirms its position placing women's suffrage in the realm of Christian liberty.
Suffrage	women	1995	59, 120a	A difference of opinion such as the permissibility of women's suffrage is not divisive of Christian fellowship.
Suicide	assisted	1995	59, 142a	Synod denounces physician-assisted suicide.
Suicide	legalization	1998	60, 141b	Synod rejects the legalization of assisted suicide.
Sunday school	mission	1947	40, 317	Evangelism and soul-winning are to be a major objective of Sunday schools.
Sunday School	neglect	1956	43, 302	The Synod repents of its sin of neglecting its Sunday Schools.
Sunday School	supervision	1926	11, 84	Congregations, pastors, and teachers have a duty to properly train and teach Sunday School teachers.
Sunday school	teacher	1947	40, 317	Sunday school teachers should be carefully selected and supported, for the sake of good doctrine.
Synergism	rejected	1947	40, 480	We reject all synergism, also that man can decide for conversion. (Brief Statement, 12)
Synergism	rejected	1947	40, 481	Synergists deny grace alone in order to solve the mystery of conversion. (Brief Statement, 16)
Synod	.Cf., Resolutions			
Synod	authority	1917	8, 45	The Synod does not have legislative or coercive powers. In matters of self-government, the Synod only advises a congregation (Constitution).
Synod	authority	1944	39, 203	Synodical resolutions are binding if they accord with the Word of God and are expedient for the local conditions.
Synod	authority	1944	39, 203	Synodical Districts are bound to carry out synodical resolutions.
Synod	authority	1944	39, 203	Any person or group who joins an organization thereby declares willingness

to abide by its constitution and by-laws. (adopted on page 205)

Synod	authority	1944	39, 203	Synod is an advisory body with respect to a congregation's right of self-government.
Synod	authority	1944	39, 205	Synodical resolutions are binding if they accord with the Word of God and are expedient for the local conditions.
Synod	authority	1947	40, 425	Synod is an advisory body, which expects its members to abide by its resolutions if they agree with the Word and are expedient for local conditions.
Synod	authority	1953	42, 553	A congregation, as a voluntary member of Synod, will voluntarily abide by Synod's regulations.
Synod	confessional	1986	56, 139a	Synod is thoroughly committed the Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.
Synod	Confessions	1986	56, 139a	Every congregation, pastor, and teacher accepts without reservation the Scriptures as the Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice and the Lutheran Confessions as a true exposition.
Synod	congregation	1986	56, 163a	Synod functions in support of and on behalf of congregational ministry.
Synod	congregation	1986	56, 163b	Christians are jointed together in a worshiping and serving communities, the congregations, which are basic unit of the Synod and related to one another through Synod.
Synod	constitution	1995	59, 122b	By subscribing to the constitution of Synod, members agree to honor and uphold its doctrine and practice, and to follow channels of dissent where there is disagreement.
Synod	court	1992	58, 187a	Synod rejects the position that the ultimate authority over the Synod adjudication processes are the secular courts.
Synod	defined	1893	4a, 124	A Synod is a free association of equal congregations for ecclesiastical purposes.
Synod	District	1967	47, 105a	Resolutions of the Synod are binding on the Districts
Synod	doctrine	1971	49, 124a	Synod is responsible for every doctrinal statement made in its material.
Synod	ethics	1995	59, 131a	Responsibilities in Synod shall be conducted with the highest integrity and honesty consistent with the Scriptures, the Confessions, the Handbook, board policies, and civil law.

Synod	fellowship	1947 40, 520	Independent declarations of fellowship disrupt membership in Synod and offend against the membership pledge.
Synod	fellowship	1947 40, 520	Every member of Synod has foregone the right to independently establish fellowship with another body.
Synod	membership	1852 1, 211	A departure from the Synod is justified only if the pastor is thrown out, if staying would deny the truth or divide the Synod, or if the Synod becomes an open sect.
Synod	membership	1917 8, 44	Members of the Synod must accept its doctrinal basis (Constitution).
Synod	membership	1917 8, 45	No congregation can join the Synod before the Synod is sure that its constitution is not contrary to Scripture and the Confessions (Constitution).
Synod	membership	1917 8, 45	Pastors and teachers from non-orthodox church bodies must submit to a colloquium before they can join the Synod (Constitution).
Synod	membership	1917 8, 49	Congregations forfeit Synod membership when they persist in failing to deal with a member expelled from Synod in accordance with the Word of God (Constitution).
Synod	membership	1920 9, 88	Members of the Synod, each according to their calling, should commit themselves to the fulfillment of the Synod's intended aims. (Bylaw)
Synod	membership	1986 56, 163b	Congregations obligate themselves to fulfill the requirements of synodical membership, upholding the confessional position of Synod and assisting in carrying out its objectives.
Synod	membership	1986 56, 165b	Individuals qualified for a first call shall, by rites of ordination or commissioning and installation, become members of Synod.
Synod	membership	1986 56, 168b	Every member of Synod shall diligently and earnestly promote the purposes of the Synod by word and deed.
Synod	membership	1989 57, 117a	Members of Synod shall accept its confessional basis, renounce unionism and syncretism, and use doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms.
Synod	membership	1992 58, 155a	Conditions for synodical membership include acceptance of the confessional basis of Synod, renunciation of unionism and syncretism, regular call, blameless life, and exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbook, and

catechisms.

Synod	membership	1995	59, 157b	Pastors, teachers, DCEs, DCOs, deaconesses, certified lay ministers, and lay delegates must have a regular call and a blameless life to be members of Synod.
Synod	membership	1998	60, 169a	Synodical membership is limited to those who confess and accept the confessional basis of Article II.
Synod	mission	1905	5b, 133	The primary work which God has commanded the Synod to do is the proclamation of the Gospel.
Synod	mission	1969	48, 158b	Synod is an extension of the congregation in fulfilling its commission to proclaim the Gospel to all the world.
Synod	mission	1998	60, 101a	In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of Synod is to vigorously make known the love of Christ by Word and deed within our Churches, communities, and the world.
Synod	name	1935	14, 212	Changing the name of Synod to "The International Lutheran Church" would be misleading and could give a false impression.
Synod	objective	1896	4b, 114	The Synod is to continue and perpetuate the good work of disseminating the Gospel throughout the world. (mission, Articles of Incorporation)
Synod	objective	1902	5a, 139	It is not the function of the synod to establish charitable institutions.
Synod	objective	1905	5b, 133	The primary purpose of the Synod is not charitable institutions but the proclamation of the Gospel.
Synod	objective	1917	8, 43	The Synod seeks to preserve and further the unity of the true faith, extend the kingdom of God and train ministers and teachers in the Evangelical Church (Constitution).
Synod	objective	1917	8, 43	The Synod is organized on the example of the Apostolic Church and so that the diversities of gifts should be for the common profit (Constitution).
Synod	objective	1917	8, 44	The Synod seeks to publish and distribute religious literature, bring about the largest possible uniformity in church practice, further parochial schools and catechesis in preparation for the sacrament, protect pastors, teachers and congregations in their duties and rights (Constitution).

Synod	objective	1947 40, 519	The purpose of the Synod is joint defense against schism and sectarianism.
Synod	objective	1956 43, 465	The Synod aims to exercise supervision over its pastors and teachers as to doctrine and practice. See charter.
Synod	objective	1956 43, 465	The Synod aims to unite in a body the members of the Lutheran Church who remain true to the Book of Concord. See charter.
Synod	objective	1956 43, 465	The Synod aims to spread the Gospel by all forms of missionary endeavor throughout the world.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to unite in a corporate body Lutherans who acknowledge and remain true to the Book of Concord as a true exhibition of sound Christian doctrine.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to train ministers and teachers for service in the Lutheran Church
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to spread the Gospel through mass media and missions.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to assist in the establishment of Lutheran congregations and preaching stations.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to supervise pastors and teachers as to doctrine, practice and performance of official duties.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to conduct theological seminaries and institutions of learning.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 117b	An object of Synod is to publish and disseminate Bibles and religious literature.
Synod	objective	1967 47, 165a	Synod is the servant of congregations in fulfilling the mission God has given to us all.
Synod	objective	1979 53, 104b	Synod serves to aid in developing Christian education.
Synod	objective	1979 53, 104b	Synod serves to conserve and promote the unity of the true faith and defend against schism, sectarianism, and heresy.
Synod	objective	1979 53, 104b	Synod serves to encourage uniformity in practice but also appreciation of a variety of responsible practices and customs in harmony with our common

faith.

Synod	objective	1979	53, 104b	Synod serves to extend the Gospel witness into all the world.
Synod	objective	1979	53, 104b	Synod serves to provide supervision, counsel, protection, and care for Church workers.
Synod	objective	1979	53, 104b	Synod serves to strengthen congregations and members in giving a bold witness by word and deed to the love and work of God.
Synod	objective	1986	56, 189a	Synod's historic purpose has been preparing pastors and teachers for service to congregations by quality academic programs.
Synod	objective	1998	60, 169a	Synod aims to exercise supervision over her pastors and teachers as to doctrine, practice and performance of duties.
Synod	objective	1998	60, 169a	Synod aims to spread the gospel by means of missionary endeavor throughout the world.
Synod	objective	1998	60, 169a	Synod aims to train ministers and teachers for service in the Church.
Synod	objective	1998	60, 169a	Synod aims to unite the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church that acknowledge and remain true to the Book of Concord as a true exhibition of sound doctrine.
Synod	offense	1995	59, 131b	Synodical leaders shall be sensitive to taking or giving offense, causing confusion, or creating potential liability.
Synod	resolutions	1917	8, 45	All matters of doctrine and conscience are decided only by the Word of God; other matters are decided by majority vote (Constitution).
Synod	resolutions	1917	8, 45	Synodical resolutions may not impose anything on a congregation which is either contrary to the Word of God or unsuited to its condition (Constitution).
Synod	resolutions	1944	39, 205	Synodical resolutions are to be applied by the congregation according to principles of Christian love and charity.
Synod	Scripture	1917	8, 43	The Synod accepts without reservation the Scripture as the written Word of God and the sole rule and norm of faith and practice (Constitution).
Synod	unified	1902	5a, 78	The synodical relationship is a close and strong alliance which is not altered by language differences.

Synod	vision	1998	60, 102b	The vision of Synod includes being marked by peace and unity.
Teacher	.Cf., Professor			
Teacher	call	1874	3a, 59	The only grounds for protest against a candidate for the teaching office are the charges of false teaching or shameful life.
Teacher	call	1878	3b, 25f.	Congregations which call students who have been removed from or have left a synodical college despise the Synod and her officers and should be disciplined.
Teacher	call	1981	54, 186b	A solemn call is an official request by a calling body in the name of the Triune God to call a person into an educational ministry.
Teacher	call	1981	54, 187b	Synodically trained educators may receive a solemn call into the Church's public ministries.
Teacher	candidate	1981	54, 187a	A candidate, male or female, is one eligible to receive a solemn call.
Teacher	colloquy	1986	56, 199b	Applicants for admission to the teaching ministry by colloquy shall meet theological requirements and complete courses in doctrine, Biblical interpretation, and Church history and practice.
Teacher	colloquy	1986	56, 199b	Applicants for admission to the teaching ministry by colloquy shall provide testimonials to Christian character and life.
Teacher	gifts	1971	49, 180b	All educators are distinct gifts of God for nurturing His people.
Teacher	induction	1959	44, 116	Candidates to serve educational institutions shall be inducted into office with Lutheran rites.
Teacher	installation	1920	9, 96	At their installation, teachers are to be bound to the symbolic books of the Lutheran church.
Teacher	installation	1941	38, 158	Women teachers may be installed, but this is an adiaphoron. One should avoid giving offense.
Teacher	installation	1981	54, 188b	Upon installation by the calling body, the candidate has officially entered the Church's public educational ministry.
Teacher	lay	1981	54, 187b	Non-synodically trained educators may be engaged as "lay educators."

Teacher	lay	1981	54, 188b	Non-synodically trained teachers may be installed as “lay educators.”
Teacher	life	1881	3c, 72	The teachers of the synodical institutions must live a godly life.
Teacher	office	1896	4b, 133	The schoolteachers are servants of the Church and assistants in the pastoral office.
Teacher	office	1983	55, 179b	The classification “Minister of Religion, Commissioned” is open to both men and women.
Teacher	ordination	1959	44, 116	Teachers may be ordained or installed by their District President.
Teacher	pledge	1959	44, 116	Teachers shall be pledged to the inerrant and inspired Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
Teacher	qualification	1959	44, 111	Before placement, teachers must provide testimonials of Christian life and character.
Teacher	qualification	1959	44, 112	Teachers must demonstrate understanding and affirmation of synodical doctrinal standards and practice.
Teacher	training	1965	46, 153a	So far as possible, congregations should call synodically trained teachers.
Teacher	women	1896	4b, 125	The Synod agrees with the complaint against the increased use of women teachers in the parochial schools and warns against the injury which could be done by their improper employment.
Teacher	women	1929	12, 74	Though men are to be preferred, properly trained women may teach in the parish school, especially lower grades.
Teacher	women	1941	38, 157	A woman parochial-school teacher carries out a function of the ministry. She holds an auxiliary office.
Teacher	women	1965	46, 99a	The scope of the activity of a certified woman teacher is limited only by her abilities, and her assignment in keeping with the principles of the position of women in the Church.
Teaching	institutions	1881	3c, 72	The board of directors of a synodical institution are to make sure that the Word of God according to the understanding of the Book of Concord is taught.
Television	gift	1977	52, 119b	Television is a marvelous gift of God for reaching the lost.

Theology	guidance	1998	60, 118a	The CTCR as a body representative of the Synod provides theological guidance and leadership.
Theology	source	1941	38, 157	Issues about women's service in the Church are determined solely by the Word of God.
Trinity	worship	1986	56, 127a	We worship the Triune God.
Truth	absolute	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Truth	love	1950	41, 662	Christ desires that we testify to the truth and fully confess his name and that we do so charitably.
Unionism	Bible society	1850	1, 139	A pastor may receive the texts from a Bible society, but not work as an agent without appearing to support its unionism.
Unionism	fellowship	1995	59, 160a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Unionism	rejected	1917	8, 44	Members of the Synod must reject unionism and syncretism of every description (Constitution).
Unionism	rejected	1947	40, 485	Unionism disobeys God, causes divisions, and risks entirely losing God's Word. (Brief Statement, 28)
Unionism	rejected	1950	41, 656	Many passages of Scripture warn against unionism and tolerance of error and require denying church fellowship to those who persist in false doctrine.
Unionism	rejected	1977	52, 136b	Unionism of every description, such as taking part in services of heterodox congregations or congregations of mixed confession, is rejected.
Unitarianism	rejected	1947	40, 478	We warn against the Unitarianism which penetrates sects and the lodges. (Brief Statement, 4)
United States	loyalty	1941	38, 419	The Synod reaffirms its loyalty to the United States and its institutions, its flag and Constitution.
Unity	.Cf., Fellowship			
Unity	Christian	1965	46, 105a	All baptized believers possess unity and oneness in Jesus Christ.

Unity	Christian	1967	47, 99b	Synod rejoices in the unity of faith held by all who confess their allegiance to Christ.
Unity	Lutheran	1941	38, 295	The Synod strives to conserve and promote unity of the true faith and defense against schism and sectarianism.
Unity	Lutheran	1941	38, 301	The Synod deeply regrets that American Lutheran are not united in these days of apostasy and unbelief.
Unity	method	1941	38, 301	The Synod strives for true unity in the Lutheran Church only on the basis of the Word and the Confessions.
Unity	practice	1938	37, 232	True unity requires agreement in practice as well as doctrine.
Unity	practice	1941	38, 303	To preserve the unity of the Church, deviations from Biblical practice must be strenuously corrected.
Unity	practice	1941	38, 303	True unity includes agreement in doctrine and practice.
Unity	sufficiency	1965	46, 105a	Agreement on the doctrine of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments is sufficient for the unity of the Church.
Universities	evaluation	1998	60, 172a	Synod reaffirms its position.
Values	Scriptural	1998	60, 106a	Ministry to people and families should teach and model Biblical teaching and values.
Vision	function	1989	57, 162a	Vision enables congregations to view all their activities and planning in light of Christ's Great Commission. Focused on the promises of God, it incorporates the whole ministry of Christ to His people.
Visitation	congregation	1959	44, 232	Synodical visitation of congregations does not violate congregational autonomy.
Vocation	Christian	1965	46, 81a	Christians serve God in every honest occupation, as all of life is the arena of Christian ministry.
Vocation	Christian	1983	55, 176b	Christians should serve others in community and world, so that the meaning of the Gospel may be demonstrated in life and vocation and members may demonstrate the love of Christ.
Vocation	Christian	1989	57, 111b	Christians assist in equipping each other for Christian vocation as they

			serve in all facets of parish life.
Vocation	Church work	1959 44, 131	Pastors and teachers should properly emphasize Christian vocation and the Church's need to nurture talented persons.
War	cause	1983 55, 156a	The cause of all human contention and war is man's sinful nature.
War	objection	1969 48, 91b	Synod recognizes that conscientious objection to a war which an individual considers unjust is a valid stance.
War	pledge	1950 41, 867	Synod pledges to join Americans in support of what is right and good, even with arms if necessary.
What Abouts	commended	1998 60, 172b	The "What About . . ." Series is commended and encouraged for use.
Will	living	1992 58, 117a	It is good ethical procedure for doctors to request a statement on the use of "heroic efforts" to sustain life.
Witness	.Cf., Mission, Evangelism		
Witness	doctrine	1962 45, 103a	All members of Synod should joyfully present our doctrine through preaching, teaching, and witnessing.
Witness	ecumenical	1962 45, 102a	The Synod must heed the Scripture to give an answer for the hope it has.
Witness	Gospel	1971 49, 121a	Pastors and congregations have a commitment to witness publicly and privately to the one Gospel set forth in Scripture.
Women	.Cf., Suffrage		
Women	authority	1965 46, 103b	Women are forbidden to vote in Church or hold any office where this involves exercising authority over men with respect to the Office of Keys.
Women	authority	1969 48, 88b	Women may not "exercise authority over men."
Women	creation	1965 46, 103b	The principles guiding women in the Church are binding because of creation.
Women	CTCR	1989 57, 118b	The CTCR document, "Women in the Church," is commended for study and guidance.
Women	doctrine	1989 57, 110b	Women are to be encouraged to recognize and accept their responsibility

for what the Church teaches.

Women	leadership	1941	38, 158	Women are barred from assuming leadership of the Christian congregation in the public assembly.
Women	ministry	1941	38, 158	Women may be assigned tasks of ministry which do not conflict with divine regulations. (teacher)
Women	ordination	1992	58, 190b	Synod reaffirms its position.
Women	ordination	1971	49, 114b	Scripture forbids women from holding the pastoral office or performing its distinctive functions.
Women	ordination	1977	52, 134b	Scriptures forbid women to hold the pastoral office or to perform any of its distinctive functions.
Women	ordination	1986	56, 144b	Scriptures prohibit women from holding the pastoral office or carrying out the distinctive functions of this office.
Women	pastor	1941	38, 157	God has excluded women from the ministry proper; she may not perform all its functions.
Women	pastor	1969	48, 88b	Scripture prohibits women to hold the pastoral office or serve in any capacity involving its distinctive functions.
Women	service	1969	48, 88b	Scripture prohibits women from serving on boards or committees only if this involves women in a violation of the order of creation.
Women	service	1998	60, 122b	Women may hold offices except those of chairman, vice-chairman, elder, and any other board or committee the congregation might wish to restrict to men.
Women	society	1971	49, 195b	God has assigned women an honorable position in society.
Women	subordinate	1941	38, 157	God places women into a subordinate position in relation to men (1 Cor. 11:3).
Women	teacher	1941	38, 159	Women teachers should serve in their profession, giving first consideration to work of the kingdom of God.
Women	teaching men	1965	46, 103b	Women are forbidden to preach and teach the Word to men publicly.
Word	definition	1977	52, 135b	the Term Word can be used to describe both Christ as the Incarnate Word

and the Scriptures as the written Word of God.

Word of God	.Cf., Scripture, Bible		
Word of God	discipline	1971	49, 157b
		A Board of Appeals shall be governed in its acts and judgments by the Word of God and Christian principles	
Word of God	doctrine	1969	48, 93a
		Synod abides by its historic position on the Word as set forth in its Constitution.	
Word of God	effect	1866	2b, 66
		When God lets his Word be preached, people are always brought to faith and the Church is gathered.	
Word of God	effective	1849	1, 98
		In necessity, God can deal with us powerfully through His Word, regardless of who speaks it.	
Word of God	equipping	1965	46, 155a
		The Word of God is source through which Christians are equipped and empowered for their mission.	
Word of God	homosexuals	1971	49, 110a
		The Law and Gospel are to be applied with a view toward ministering forgiveness to homosexuals and all sinners who are penitent.	
Word of God	inerrant	1967	47, 92a
		We pray that God keep us faith to His inspired and inerrant Word as the only rule and norm of faith and practice.	
Word of God	infallible	1971	49, 119a
		Confessional truths are based on the infallible Word of God.	
Word of God	means	1969	48, 136a
		The Synod praises God for making Himself and His life available through His Word.	
Word of God	pastoral care	1998	60, 138b
		The Word and Sacraments are primary in dealing with issues of pastoral care.	
Word of God	sin	1998	60, 116b
		The Old Adam and the sinful flesh of pastor or people may hinder the free course of the Word of God.	
Word of God	Synod	1998	60, 102b
		The vision of Synod includes being strong in the Word.	
Word of God	use	1995	59, 109a
		It is the will of God that we be and remain strong in His Word.	
Work	right	1977	52, 132a
		Members of congregations have a right and responsibility to participate in the spiritual work of the Church.	

Worker	.Cf., Minister, Pastor, Office			
Worker	aid	1941	38, 388	It is not morally wrong for incapacitated Church workers to seek aid from the State.
Worker	consecration	1992	58, 151a	Lay workers shall receive rites of consecration and installation.
Worker	health	1983	55, 136a	The bodies of Church workers are temples of the Spirit and their mental and physical health contributes to the extension of the kingdom of God.
Worker	lay	1986	56, 169b	“Certified Professional Church Workers, Lay” includes the titles of deaconess, lay minister, parish worker, parish assistant, director of evangelism, and lay teachers.
Worker	lay	1992	58, 150b	Consecrated lay workers include lay minister, parish worker, parish assistant, director of Christian outreach, lay teachers, director of parish music, and Lutheran social worker.
Worker	lay	1992	58, 151b	Congregations which violate the requirement to employ only synodical lay workers shall forfeit their membership in Synod.
Worker	life	1986	56, 167a	Synod deals with the “ungodly life” of members by terminating membership. Synod cannot observe or otherwise regulate members’ lives.
Worker	pledge	1992	58, 151a	Lay workers shall be solemnly pledged to the Scriptures as the inspired and inerrant Word of God and the Confessions as a true exposition of Scripture.
Worker	recruitment	1986	56, 194a	Pastors, congregations, teachers, and DCE’s have a crucial role in encouraging men and women to study for church vocations.
Worker	recruitment	1992	58, 165a	Pastors, teachers, and other Church workers have a role in modeling Church vocations and encouraging youth to consider them.
Worker	restricted	1992	58, 144a	A member of Synod may be placed on restricted status for engaging in conduct that could lead to expulsion, incapacity to perform duties, or neglect of duties.
Worker	specialized	1986	56, 189a	Congregations need specialized services offered by church workers such as lay ministers, PA’s, deaconesses, PW’s, DCE’s, and evangelism directors.

Worker	supervision	1992	58, 150b	Lay workers have placed themselves under the supervision of Synod.
Worker	suspended	1992	58, 144a	A member of Synod may be placed on suspended status for engaging in conduct that could lead to expulsion.
Worker	termination	1986	56, 178a	Synodical appointees may be terminated for adherence to false doctrine, unbecoming conduct, or neglect of office.
Worker	wage	1979	53, 163b	Church workers should receive remuneration in keeping with the Lord's admonition to provide adequate care for them.
Works	good	1947	40, 482	Good works are done for the glory of God and the good of man according to divine Law. They follow faith. (Brief Statement, 20)
Works	motivation	1947	40, 483	Good works are motivated solely by remembrance of the grace of God received in Christ, not by the compulsion of the Law or carnal motives. (Brief Statement, 20)
Works	motivation	1950	41, 570	Out of gratitude to God, we abound in good works, seeking to serve God and our neighbor according to the Law. (Common Confession)
Worship	blessings	1998	60, 109b	Blessings have and continue to come through the rites and ceremonies of the Church.
Worship	character	1992	58, 109b	Worship practices develop Christian character.
Worship	daily	1850	1, 137	Daily services may be established without legalism according to the needs of the congregation.
Worship	evaluation	1983	55, 176b	The Commission on Worship shall advise and warn against the use of worship materials which are unworthy of use in Christian worship.
Worship	home	1847	1, 19	Settlers are to be encouraged to hold worship at home.
Worship	home	1852	1, 219	Settlers without Lutheran pastors near should hold private worship in their home rather than listen to false teachers.
Worship	joint	1965	46, 98a	No joint worship services are to be held with those with whom Synod has not established fellowship.
Worship	joint	1998	60, 118a	Synod affirms its position on joint worship.

Worship	materials	1917	8, 44	Synodical members shall exclusively use doctrinally pure agenda, hymn-books and catechisms (Constitution).
Worship	materials	1998	60, 109b	Use of doctrinally pure agendas, hymnbooks, and catechisms preserve the truth and good order.
Worship	mission	1992	58, 102b	Worship services are the major entry point for most strangers and the vital reentry point for most inactives.
Worship	mission	1992	58, 102b	Worship should maintain a climate of hospitality sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity, but staying in conformity with the Scriptures.
Worship	priority	1992	58, 109b	The worship life of our people is to receive the highest priority in congregations and from synodical leadership.
Worship	response	1998	60, 109b	Worship provides the opportunity to thank, praise, sing, and petition in response to God's grace.
Worship	standards	1847	1, 18	Pastors affirmed ceremonies in their churches (including agenda, private confession) are performed according to their confession.
Worship	standards	1992	58, 109b	All worship is to be Christ-centered, distinguish Law and Gospel, emphasize the Gospel of forgiveness, and be faithful to the Word and in harmony with the Confessions.
Worship	standards	1995	59, 113a	Liturgies, sermons, hymns, songs, and prayers should be Christ-centered, distinguish Law and Gospel, emphasize Christ's forgiveness, and be faithful to the Word and in harmony with the Confessions.
Worship	uniformity	1847	1, 9	Uniformity is not necessary for unity, but salutary; it is not to be compelled.
Worship	uniformity	1847	1, 9	Standardization of ceremonies is desirable.
Worship	uniformity	1941	38, 317	All congregation are urged to use the "new" hymnal in the interest of uniformity in services.
Worship	uniformity	1998	60, 109b	There is no one rite or ceremony that alone gives expression to the truth of the Gospel.
Worship	unionistic	1853	1, 271	Lodges, composed of Christians, Jews and heathen, cannot worship God the Father of Christ; they practice idolatry.

Youth	Bible	1923	10, 159	Youth groups should foster the study of the Scriptures.
Youth	Bible	1923	10, 161	Every youth group should be a Bible society.
Youth	Bible	1941	38, 167	Congregations should stress Bible-study among the youth.
Youth	Church	1969	48, 138a	Youth seek a meaningful role in the Church which their Baptism has already given them.
Youth	equipping	1965	46, 164a	Youth work aims to equip youth for service to God and His world by a ministry of the Spirit through Word and Sacraments.
Youth	gift	1971	49, 182a	Youth are God's gift to the Church.
Youth	gifts	1965	46, 164a	Youth work aims to enable youth and adults to share their unique gifts in ministry to one another and as the witnessing people of God.
Youth	limits	1923	10, 160	Youth should be service workers in the church, not leaders.
Youth	mission	1965	46, 164a	Youth work aims to provide settings for youth to demonstrate the mission of the Church and for unclaimed youth to be exposed to the Gospel.
Youth	supervision	1920	9, 156	The Walther Leagues should be satisfied with the supervision provided by the local congregation since this accords with Scripture. They need no synodical recognition.

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