

Resolution

Subject: Youth Ministry
From: Vision & Mission Committee

WHEREAS, the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living states, “As parents, remembering that our children are the property of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 1:19), we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) and take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence” (paragraph 24); and

WHEREAS, the MCCL also states, “We will give faithful attention to the spiritual development of our children...” (paragraph 24); and

WHEREAS, youth are not only the future of the Church, but are the Church now; and

WHEREAS, the nurture and discipleship of children and youth must be a priority of the individual congregation as well as in the Southern Province as a whole; and

WHEREAS, statistics prove youth do not attend congregational worship or return to congregational life after high school¹, and that those who do need support in their faith journey; and

WHEREAS, youth today face many more and significant challenges than ever before and need the support of their congregations and a relationship with their Savior, Jesus; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a Provincial Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry be appointed by the Provincial Elders Conference to provide new, innovative, relevant leadership, training, resources, programming, and assistance to Southern Province congregations as well as the youth in their surrounding communities; and be it

RESOLVED, that Youth/Young Adult Ministry be prioritized among Moravian congregations, agencies, and ministries so that youth and young adults may be involved, empowered, directed toward, and nurtured in a robust faith experience - both within and outside traditional Moravian congregational life, and be it

RESOLVED, that that the Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry will present a report to the 2026 synod regarding progress in Youth/Young Adult Ministry.