

# RESOLUTION 2016.01

Title                    Student Debt Reduction  
Moved                    Synod Council  
Seconded                None required

WHEREAS                God gifts the Central/Southern Illinois Synod with clergy and lay rostered leaders for “Word and Sacrament” and “Word and Service” ministries in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod, and  
WHEREAS                many of these rostered leaders enter ministry with debt from student loans taken out to pay for their preparation for ministry, and  
WHEREAS                debt reduction assistance for our rostered leaders in their early years of ministry would enhance the ministry of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to glorify God, build up the body of Christ, and proclaim Christ to the world, and  
WHEREAS                the 2016 Pedal for a Purpose is committed to using its funds raised in 2016 for this student debt reduction,

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED              that the 2016 Assembly of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod affirms, embraces, and supports the goal of raising funds sufficient to expend \$100,000 over the next five years to reduce student debt carried by rostered leaders in the Central/Southern Illinois Synod in their first seven years of called ministry, and be it further  
RESOLVED              that the Assembly expresses its gratitude to God for Pedal for a Purpose – its organizers, publicists, riders, and supporters.