

Significant Doctrinal Comments

Years: 1847-1998

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Subtopic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vol.,Page</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Abortion	abomination	1998	60, 141b	Abortion is the killing of the unborn and an abomination to the Lord.
Abortion	destructive	1979	53, 117a	The practice of abortion is destructive of the moral consciousness and character of the people of any nation.
Abortion	holocaust	1986	56, 212a	The legalized murder of unborn children constitutes an American holocaust.
Abortion	immoral	1989	57, 115b	Abortion is not a moral option, except as a byproduct of a procedure to prevent the death of another.
Abortion	immoral	1992	58, 116a	Abortion is not a moral option, except as a byproduct of a procedure to prevent the death of another.
Abortion	murder	1998	60, 119b	Unborn children, woven together by God, are slain through abortion.
Abortion	protest	1979	53, 117a	Christians have an obligation to protest abortion as a heinous crime against the will of God.
Abortion	rejected	1977	52, 131a	Synod opposes the legalization of non-therapeutic abortions.
Abortion	Scripture	1981	54, 156a	Synod's opposition to willful abortion is based on Scripture.
Abortion	sin	1977	52, 136a	Abortion is a sin.
Abortion	sinful	1977	52, 130b	Willful abortion is contrary to the will of God.
Abortion	willful	1981	54, 155b	Synod opposes willful abortion.
Abortion	witness	1981	54, 155b	Protest against abortion on demand and witnessing to the sanctity of life are the responsibility of every Christian.
Absolution	Baptism	1971	49, 120a	Baptismal life should include some form of confession and individual (private) absolution.
Abuse	child	1989	57, 159a	Child abuse and neglect are a definite hindrance to a child's faith.
Abuse	child	1989	57, 159b	Child abuse is cyclic, often perpetuating godless life-styles in victims.

Abuse	domestic	1989	57, 159b	Domestic abuse degrades the family, increases suffering, prevents healthy growth and development, and perpetuates unchristian life-styles.
Addiction	prayer	1995	59, 145b	The prayers of God's people have been part of halting the destructive tide of addiction.
Adiaphora	application	1874	3a, 22	Specific conditions lead Christians in determining answers about adiaphora.
Adiaphora	guidelines	1896	4b, 30	In matters of disagreement, the majority or the minority should yield to the other out of love.
Adiaphora	guidelines	1896	4b, 30	The congregation determines matters of adiaphora with the advice of the pastor (their official counselor), by the example of the old Church, in harmony with sister-congregations.
Adiaphora	majority rule	1902	5a, 24	In adiaphora, the minority yields to the majority, because all know that the Church will not fall apart as long as it remains by the Word of God.
Admonition	Christian	1899	4c, 37	Christians must be admonished so that they actually avoid what they know to be sinful.
Admonition	effective	1899	4c, 33	Christian admonition is enough to move believers to do all they should. (Stewardship)
Admonition	private	1872	2d, 89	The first element of Church discipline is the open exercise of brotherly admonition, not gossip.
Admonition	private	1938	37, 323	It is wrong to make a disagreement public before Matt. 18 has been fully complied with.
Advocacy	helpless	1998	60, 120a	We are called to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves and to love them as ourselves.
AELC	schismatic	1977	52, 155a	The AELC is to be regarded as schismatic.
Alcoholism	disease	1977	52, 189b	Alcoholism is a disease with spiritual, mental, physical, and social implications.
America	school	1920	9, 232	The Lutheran school must demonstrate that it accomplishes the Americanization of the children even better than the public school does.
America	spirituality	1890	3f, 26	The American mentality is governed by a sneaky, superficial, apathetic and business-like spirit, also in spiritual matters.
Antichrist	denounced	1893	4a, 49	We have the duty to warn churches of the actual antichristian character of the papacy.

Antichrist	Pope	1863	2a, 45	The Confessions clearly teach that the pope is the antichrist.
Antichrist	Pope	1869	2c, 32 f	The Pope is the Antichrist.
Antichrist	Pope	1872	2d, 64	The Pope fulfills the description of the Antichrist in 1 Tim. 4:1ff.
Antichrist	Pope	1893	4a, 46	The Pope fulfills all the Scriptural prophecies of the Antichrist.
Antichrist	Pope	1938	37, 229	The Pope is the very Antichrist for the past and the future.
Antichrist	priests	1869	2c, 31	Roman priests are named accomplices to the Antichrist (the Pope).
Antichrist	recognition	1893	4a, 48	Only he who knows Christ can properly identify the Antichrist.
Antichrists	defined	1893	4a, 46f.	The Scripture calls all false teachers Antichrists because they set their own authority over that of Christ.
Anti-Semitism	evangelism	1983	55, 142b	All forms of anti-Semitism hinders bringing the Gospel to Jewish people.
Apologetics	benefits	1899	4c, 28	Apologetics do not give power to the Word of God but remove external barriers which prevent it from being properly heard.
Apologetics	languages	1874	3a, 26	A public defense against error requires a thorough knowledge of the "old languages"--Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Luther cited.
Appeals	resolution	1935	14, 211	The rights of all involved in an appeal to the Synod should be fixed according to principles of equity and Christian charity.
Art	worship	1969	48, 151b	Art has always been an integral part of the worship life of the Church.
Atheism	college	1950	41, 416	There is a strong leaven of practical atheism on the college campus today.
Augustana	familiarity	1938	37, 249	Every member of Synod should be familiar with the Augsburg Confession.
Ban	application	1899	4c, 37	Not the weak and erring are to be excommunicated, but those who are open, unrepentant enemies of the Word of God.
Ban	application	1908	5c, 146	A member can be properly excommunicated from his congregation on account of refusing to be

				reconciled to his neighbor.
Ban	congregation	1866	2b, 44	It would be against the Word of God to require synodical approval before a congregation could excommunicate a member.
Ban	divine	1923	10, 225	A just excommunication should be recognized as the voice of the Lord.
Ban	removal	1911	6, 187	The ban against a member who asked for the congregation's forgiveness was lifted and he has partaken of the Lord's Supper there.
Ban	synodical	1866	2b, 47	It is helpful toward the edification of the Church that the Synod assist the local congregation in matters of excommunication.
Ban	unbelievers	1893	4a, 42	We exclude manifest unbelievers from the local congregations.
Ban	unjust	1869	2c, 89	Excommunicated members of congregations in fellowship should not be accepted without examination of whether the ban was just.
Baptism	adiaphora	1967	47, 92a	In the Baptismal rite, the following are adiaphora: making the sign of the cross over the water, using a white baptismal robe, giving the baptizand a lighted candle.
Baptism	community	1998	60, 105a	The community of the Gospel is an inclusive baptismal community.
Baptism	duty	1962	45, 114a	God makes parents, sponsors, and congregations responsible for the Christian nurture of baptized children.
Baptism	immersion	1956	43, 522	A pastor who submitted a proposal that immersion be the normal mode for Baptism was referred to his District President for discipline.
Baptism	initiation	1971	49, 120a	Baptism is nothing less than initiation into the death and resurrection of Christ.
Baptism	instruction	1902	5a, 94	A Jewish woman was prepared for baptismal instruction by the Synodical lay missionary and examined before a commission.
Baptism	instruction	1971	49, 120a	The expression of Christian baptism is the basis for all Christian instruction.
Baptism	mission	1965	46, 81b	All baptized into Christ are baptized into His death and resurrection, into His mission, and into His body.

Baptism	new life	1971	49, 120a	The Baptized bear fruit in a life of repentance and faith, the death of the old Adam and the resurrection of the new man.
Baptism	parents	1971	49, 120a	Baptismal life is compromised when parents or sponsors demonstrate little understanding of the significance of Baptism.
Baptism	sponsors	1850	1, 138	Sponsors speak in the place of the child.
Barry	booklets	1998	60, 152a	Dr. Barry's booklets (e.g., Catechesis in the Lutheran Congregation, The Nature and Basis of Lutheran Worship) are scriptural, orthodox, confessional, and helpful.
Bible class	essential	1962	45, 116b	Excellent Bible classes are essential to grounding God's people in God's Word.
Bible Society	approval	1944	39, 322	The Synod approves the work of the American Bible Society in providing Scriptures without sectarian comment.
Bible Society	approval	1965	46, 193b	Synod recognizes the American Bible Society as a helping agency in the distribution of Bibles.
Bible	youth	1944	39, 129	A Bible class is an excellent means to provide guidance for youth in our age.
Bible	authority	1977	52, 132b	Denying the unity of the Bible and ascribing multiple meanings to the text renders the Bible useless as a final authority.
Bible	authorship	1977	52, 132b	The historical-critical method tenuates the Spirit's authorship of the Bible, evaporates its unity, and makes its self-interpretation inoperative.
Bible	Christ	1902	5a, 38	Christ, the Savior of sinners, is the content of both the Old and New Testaments.
Bible	editions	1923	10, 167	Bibles with misleading or inadequate headings can keep simple readers from a proper Christian understanding.
Bible	hermeneutic	1938	37, 239	The Synod concedes variously interpretations of Biblical texts, but only in harmony with the analogy of faith.
Bible	hermeneutic	1967	47, 143a	The love of God in Christ is the interpreting key to the Bible.
Bible	hermeneutic	1971	49, 129b	The historical critical method seems to be at the root of many problems of Biblical interpretation.

Bible	hermeneutic	1977	52, 132b	The historical-critical method is based on human reasoning, which is unable to deal with supernatural operations.
Bible	ideologies	1950	41, 394	Acquaintance with the Word of God enables the laity to cope with the ideologies of the age.
Bible	inspired	1872	2d, 53	The inspiration of the Scripture can be demonstrated from Christ's answer, "Man does not live by bread alone, etc."
Bible	literacy	1959	44, 155	Illiterate people need to be taught to read so they may study the Word of God.
Bible	Lutheran	1929	12, 203	The Lutheran Church is the Bible Church.
Bible	meaning	1977	52, 132b	The Biblical text has only one meaning.
Bible	norma normans	1911	6, 204	The Holy Scriptures are the sole, authentic and sufficient norm of Christian doctrine and life, infallible and inerrant.
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Bible	origin	1977	52, 132b	The historical-critical method wrongly reduces the Bible to a product of merely human thought and experience.
Bible	original text	1962	45, 141a	Only the original texts of the Bible constitute the authority for Synodical doctrine.
Bible	study	1941	38, 149	Synod should emphasize and promote Bible study on the junior, senior and adult levels.
Bible	study	1947	39, 313	All ages should learn to use the Lord's day for study of the Bible as well as worship.
Bible	study	1947	39, 314	Renewal of Bible study must come as a special blessing from God.
Bible	study	1953	42, 283	Bible study is basic to all work of the Church: witnessing, teaching, leading, serving, and giving.
Bible	study	1956	43, 312	Study of the Bible strengthens conviction, overcomes nominalism, and defeats materialism.
Bible	study	1956	43, 313	Bible study is vital for bringing youth into a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bible	study	1977	52, 183a	Bible study materials should reflect our confessional stance with emphasis on contemporary needs.
Bible	study	1983	55, 146a	Small-group Bible study provides another opportunity for the Spirit to work in the hearts of God's people as they grow in knowledge and discipleship.
Bible	study	1989	57, 106b	The faithful study of the Word of God is to be encouraged in every congregation and by every member.
Bible	study	1995	59, 156b	Paul commended the Bereans because they received the Word with all eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily.
Bible	translation	1962	45, 126b	Synod has not designated any Bible translation as official.
Bible	translation	1962	45, 141a	Bible translations possess the power of the Word of God in private, family, and corporate study and in formal worship.
Bible	translation	1962	45, 141a	Reliable Bible translations are a gift of God for the Church's task of preaching and teaching.
Bible	translation	1962	45, 141a	Synod refrains from adopting an official Bible translation.
Bible	translation	1962	45, 141b	Congregations have the liberty to use Bible translations within confessional limitations.
Bible	use	1950	41, 393	The doctrine of the Word and the priesthood of all believers require each believer to use the Word regularly and fruitfully.
Bible	use	1953	42, 283	The situation of the world is a God-given sign to intensity use of the Word of God.
Bible	use	1967	47, 143a	The Church must encourage greater use of the Bible for the renewal of the Church's life and spirit.
Bible	Word of God	1899	4c, 25	The Bible is not just a report about the Word of God, but the Word of God itself, given by God, although externally it appears like a human word.
Bible	Word of God	1967	47, 159b	The Bible is the Word of God, which like a seed has the power to produce life.
Bishops	authority	1896	4b, 31	Bishops have no authority to rule apart from the Word of God.
Bishops	Greek	1896	4b, 34f.	Greek Orthodox bishops claim to be set up by the Holy Spirit as lords in the Church.

Black power	affirmed	1969	48, 148b	Black power is a legitimate expression of blacks as their aim to achieve secular dignity.
Blessings	celebration	1992	58, 180a	Scripture is replete with encouragement for Christians to celebrate God's blessings in their lives.
Blind	talents	1965	46, 86a	God has given varied talents to the blind which can be used for the extension of Christ's kingdom.
Body	donation of	1965	46, 195a	The legal bequeathing of human bodies is a matter of individual conscience.
Body	research	1965	46, 195a	Christians are aware of the benefits of research on the body after death.
Body	resurrection	1965	46, 195a	Christians believe in the resurrection of the body and eternal life won by Christ.
Books	danger	1923	10, 163	The Church must take care lest the good seed sown among youth be strangled by worldly or sectarian books.
Books	school	1890	3f, 60	Our schools should not use books which contain false doctrines or an unchristian worldview.
Boy Scouts	polity	1953	42, 555	The matter of Scouting should be left to the individual congregation to decide.
Buildings	Christian	1969	48, 147b	Though buildings belong to the secular kingdom, they are necessary for the work of the Church, sanctified by the Word of God, and received with thanksgiving.
Call	abandoning	1850	1, 123 f	A pastor may leave his call if the members are not willing to submit to the Word.
Call	applications	1986	56, 143a	The nature and implications of the call have many practical applications in the life of the Church.
Call	approval	1857	1, 354	The members of a new daughter congregation should have their previous pastor approve the man they desire to call.
Call	basis	1998	60, 121a	Candidates are called and ordained into the holy ministry on the basis of examination and certification by the Church through the seminaries.
Call	Christian	1893	4a, 49	Each Christian has the call to lead others into the way of everlasting life.
Call	Christian	1971	49, 195a	Christian people have been called by God to right wrongs, heal woes, strengthen the weak, and feed the hungry.
Call	consideration	1962	45, 147a	Concerns about housing are unwarranted considerations in the acceptance of a divine call.

Call	divine	1902	5a, 106	A divine call can come through a group's request to hear the Gospel.
Call	divine	1902	5a, 20	The call of a pastor is a divine matter; all selfish actions fight against the rule of Christ.
Call	divine	1981	54, 200b	Teachers and DCE's receive divine calls to their positions.
Call	parish	1857	1, 406	A pastor's call to a specific parish does not hinder him from preaching to those outside his parish limits.
Call	president	1863	2a, 33 f	A district president is the best man to advise the call process, since he oversees the whole.
Call	professor	1944	39, 506	A call for a determined time may be accepted as divine. The divinity of the call is not conditioned by time limits.
Call	recertified	1998	60, 121a	Recertification of pastors makes ordination a temporary action, violating AC XIV.
Call	retirement	1947	39, 260	A mandatory retirement age of called professors is not contrary to Scriptures.
Call	retirement	1950	41, 334	The Synod's practice of mandatory retirement of professors does not violate the doctrine of the divine call.
Call	retirement	1979	53, 137a	If a retired pastor accepts a call to serve a congregation, he is no longer retired.
Call	Synod	1908	5c, 86	The Synod calls the missionary to the immigrants through the board overseeing his activity.
Call	temporary	1998	60, 121a	An intentional interim ministry ought never be the kind of "temporary call" against which Walther warns.
Call	transfer	1863	2a, 55	It is not the practice of the church to transfer the call to those who do not have the whole office (i.e., seminary professors).
Call	transfer	1863	2a, 55	The transfer of a call can never happen without the agreement of the congregation.
Candidates	recruitment	1956	43, 188	All members of Synod have a divine obligation to recruit men and women for the preaching and teaching ministry.
Candidates	requirements	1956	43, 132	Colloquy candidates must provide testimonials attesting to their Christian life, character, and ability.

Candidates	requirements	1956	43, 133	Colloquy candidates must understand and confess the doctrines of the Synod and willingly abide by her practice.
Canon	antilegomena	1857	1, 387 f	Chemnitz rejects the Church's authority to bestow the antilegomena with status equal to the homologoumena.
Canon	ranks	1857	1, 335	Revelation belongs to the canonical books of the second order, since it has previously been doubted. It may not be interpreted against those of first order.
Canonization	rejected	1969	48, 93a	It is not the practice of Synod to canonize an individual.
Catechesis	importance	1956	43, 292	Our people must be fortified against the evils of the day by thorough training and indoctrination.
Catechism	benefit	1866	2b, 32	The salutary Sunday afternoon catechetical study should be attended by young and old.
Catechism	clarity	1969	48, 86b	Occasional lack of clarity does not vitiate the usefulness of a version of the Catechism.
Catechism	confession	1863	2a, 40	The Small Catechism is the lay confession; likewise the Augsburg Confession is for all Christians.
Catechism	Explanation	1967	47, 94a	The Short Explanation of the Catechism has been acknowledged to be in conformity with the Scriptures and Confessions.
Catechism	explanations	1890	3f, 81	It will assist the salvation and piety of our children if the school text of the catechism emphasizes Luther's explanations.
Catechism	importance	1857	1, 320	Teaching the catechism is essential to establishing the congregation in proper knowledge of God.
Catechism	knowledge	1860	1b, 24	True religious knowledge in the congregation grows through a regular use of Luther's Catechism.
Catechism	mission	1917	8, 37	A converted Roman Catholic priest translated Luther's Small Catechism into Italian for his mission work.
Catechism	mission	1917	8, 40	Jewish missionary Friedmann distributes his Yiddish version of the Small Catechism to those curious about Christianity.
Catechism	Spanish	1941	38, 208	The Catechism and Hymnal have been translated into Spanish for mission work.

Catechism	translation	1914	7, 36	Rev. Friedmann, missionary to the Jews in New York City, translated the Small Catechism into Yiddish.
Catechism	translation	1938	37, 258	As a age-old confessional work, the language of the Catechism should not be changed unless absolutely necessary.
Catechism	translation	1979	53, 149b	<i>The Catechism in Contemporary English</i> is a paraphrase that does not always correctly present the meaning the Luther's Catechism.
Catechism	translation	1983	55, 147b	Archaic word usage obscures, for many, the true substance of the 1943 Catechism and creates an unavoidable diversity of expression, which endangers a clear, uniform exposition.
Catechism	uniformity	1938	37, 258	Two current translations of the Catechism would cause confusion; uniformity has advantages.
Catechism	usage	1899	4c, 71	At confessional appointment for communion, those who are not fully conversant in German demonstrate an inability to remember what they learned from confirmation.
Chaplaincy	doctrine	1938	37, 159	Pastors must be endorsed by the Synod for sound doctrine and biblical practice before becoming a chaplain.
Chaplaincy	mandate	1959	44, 322	Chaplaincy fulfills the Savior's admonition to remember the least of his brethren.
Chaplaincy	military	1917	8, 35	The Synod left the question of military chaplaincy to the Army and Navy Board to act according to conscience and with their best judgment.
Chaplaincy	removal	1938	37, 160	Military chaplains will be removed for deviating from Scriptural doctrine and practice and persisting in an ungodly life.
Chaplaincy	removal	1967	47, 162b	The Armed Forces Commission withdraws endorsement from chaplains who depart from accepted Scriptural teachings and practices of the Synod or persist in an ungodly life.
Chaplaincy	standards	1935	14, 134	The Synod should only participate in army and navy chaplaincy only if its high standards can be maintained.
Chaplaincy	unionism	1938	37, 160	Synodical chaplains may not engage in unionistic practices.
Chaplaincy	value	1944	39, 198	Military chaplaincy provides a great spiritual benefit to our sons and daughters.

Charisma	promise	1979	53, 121a	God nowhere promises to reveal His will to us directly and immediately through visions and dreams.
Charismatics	divisive	1977	52, 132a	Charismatic doctrines are often divisive even when charismatics are well intentioned.
Charity	agencies	1956	43, 735	Charitable agencies within the Church "distribute to the necessity of the saints," according to God's command.
Charity	commanded	1890	3f, 73	According to God's command we should help foreigners in their time of need.
Charity	congregation	1956	43, 737	The exercise of love in deeds of mercy is a God-pleasing function of a congregation.
Charity	encouraged	1962	45, 138a	The exercise of Christian love in corporate works of mercy are a fruit of faith and a testimony to the Gospel.
Charity	government	1965	46, 169b	Government action can serve as God-pleasing and effective means of alleviating poverty, though it cannot substitute for Christian love.
Charity	hungry	1986	56, 212b	The Lord said that the worship He chooses is for us to share our food with the hungry.
Charity	means	1905	5b, 105	The single means by which the poor blacks can be aided temporally and eternally is alone the pure Word of God.
Charity	necessity	1853	1, 271	The Church should care for the poor and sick, according to the pattern of the early Church.
Charity	personal	1965	46, 169b	Personal charity alone is unable to cope with the massive problem of poverty in a complex world.
Charity	Scripture	1956	43, 730	Scripture urges the practice of charity as an inevitable fruit of faith and for the glory of God.
Charity	witness	1989	57, 137a	The love and compassion of the Church in helping the homeless, the persecuted, and the sick is a witness to faith in Jesus Christ.
Children	relationship	1998	60, 105a	Our relationship with children is established by Christ (Luke 18:15-17).
Christ	.cf., Son of God, God			
Christ	alone	1992	58, 113a	Jesus Christ alone is the Savior of the world and the only way to heaven.
Christ	alone	1995	59, 107b	There is no hope apart from Christ.

Christ	descent	1959	44, 198	Rejection of the descent to hell is grounds for disciplinary action.
Christ	example	1977	52, 192a	Our Lord's example of caring urges us an attitude of concern and a willingness to share.
Christ	experience	1969	48, 83a	We, as disciples of Jesus Christ, have experienced the power of the risen Savior which has liberated us from death and given us a new identity, purpose, and worth.
Christ	grace	1902	5a, 34	Only in Christ is God gracious.
Christ	Jews	1920	9, 131	Jesus, the one promised in the Old Testament, is the Savior of sinners, including the Jews.
Christ	kingdom	1896	4b, 34	Christ rules the Church himself through His Word to determine its doctrine and practice.
Christ	Lord	1965	46, 80b	Jesus Christ is Lord of all the world and in every area of life.
Christ	Messiah	1977	52, 122b	Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah.
Christ	Messiah	1983	55, 142b	In fulfillment of prophecy given to the Jewish people, Christ came as Messiah for Gentiles and Jews.
Christ	prophesied	1902	5a, 95	Our Jewish missionary proclaims that Christ is the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises.
Christ	reconciliation	1992	58, 114a	Christ has broken down the dividing wall of hostility by His perfect sacrifice for the entire human family.
Christ	redemption	1971	49, 198a	Christ came to set man free for a new life of freedom and love.
Christ	return	1857	1, 346	Only on the Last Day will Christ return visibly to judge the world.
Christ	Savior	1977	52, 122b	Jesus Christ is the Mediator between God and all mankind and the Savior of the world.
Christ	virgin birth	1893	4a, 31	Those who deny the virgin birth place themselves outside of the Church.
Christ	Word of God	1899	4c, 25	The entire Scripture is the Word of Christ through the Holy Spirit.
Christian	defined	1902	5a, 27	A Christian is one who believes he will come to heaven not through his own works but through the righteousness and works of Christ.

Christian	equality	1969	48, 148a	Black and white Christians constitute one Body of Christ and share equal dignity of sonship and forgiveness.
Christian	growth	1950	41, 393	Life in Christ demands a lifelong growth in the things of the spirit.
Christian	purpose	1971	49, 112a	The chief function of every Christian is to convey, by words and life, the message of Christ reconciling the world.
Christian	servants	1998	60, 143b	Our Lord wishes that His might be servants, particularly to those in need.
Christian	society	1971	49, 198a	Christians are to be in the world but not of the world.
Christian	spiritual	1902	5a, 37	Every Christian is a spiritual person since he knows the Gospel of salvation.
Christian	unity	1992	58, 113b	All Christians, regardless of race, color, nationality, social status, or gender, are God's chosen people in Christ.
Christianity	essence	1902	5a, 27	Christianity is differentiated from all other religions by faith in Christ, trusting in him for grace and salvation.
Christianity	essence	1902	5a, 32	Christianity consists of faith in the Gospel, the forgiveness of sins which Christ has purchased for mankind.
Christianity	exclusivity	1902	5a, 38	Trust in Christ is the only way to heaven.
Christianity	mystery	1902	5a, 30	The message of Christianity is a deep mystery to the natural man, who only understands the law.
Christianity	unique	1902	5a, 27	While all world religions have great teachers, Christianity alone has a savior, one who did not give new rules but accomplished a vicarious atonement.
Church and Min.	assemblies	1896	4b, 39	The pastor rules the assembly with the Word, but other members may also speak and on the basis of the Word.
Church and Min.	call	1847	1, 19	Settlers are to be instructed how to call a pastor.
Church and Min.	character	1866	2b, 70 f	Iowa Synod falsely holds that the Church has
Church and Min.	Hirtenbrief	1847	1, 16	Grabau's Hirtenbrief contains errors.

Church and Min. importance	1851	1, 167 f	A delegation must urgently be sent to Germany to clarify the important doctrinal differences.
Church and Min. lay rights	1857	1, 393	The laity are able to exercise their churchly
Church and Min. polity	1896	4b, 39	The pastor rules the congregation with the
Church Growth call	1995	59, 123a	In much of Church Growth materials and practice there is a misunderstanding of the call and Christian vocation.
Church Growth	cf., Church, Growth		
Church Growth gifts	1995	59, 123a	Some Church Growth materials and practices suggest that numerical growth depends on proper discovery and employment of "spiritual gifts."
Church Growth ministry	1995	59, 123a	In much of Church Growth materials and practice there is a confusion of the priesthood of all believers with the office of the holy ministry.
Church Growth worship	1995	59, 123a	The Church Growth Movement often promotes worship forms and practices which focus on feelings and experiences as evidence of God's grace.
Church worker acceptance	1962	45, 98a	Church workers should be accepted on the basis of character and ability, not race.
Church Worker certification	1995	59, 138b	The responsibility to certify candidates for full-time Church work is very important.
Church Worker compensation	1995	59, 143a	Our Lord provided for care and compensation of his disciples, stating the laborer deserves his wages.
Church worker gratitude	1959	44, 135	Grateful people should give thanks to God for faithful service in His kingdom.
Church worker pay	1967	47, 107a	The laborer in the vineyard of the Lord is worthy of his hire.
Church worker recruitment	1962	45, 113b	Recruitment of Church workers is essentially the duty of local congregations.
Church worker retired	1965	46, 174b	Christian love compels Synod to alleviate the economic need of retired pensioners.
Church worker support	1962	45, 146b	The Word of God directs the Church to honor and provide well for those who serve in Word and doctrine.

Church Worker	training	1995	59, 138b	Our Lord and His Church are best served with Church workers are equipped to engage in faithful, competent, and joyful ministry.
Church	age	1983	55, 144a	All baptized believers, regardless of age, are the Church of today and the Church of tomorrow.
Church	appearance	1905	5b, 25	The Church should not concern itself with making itself appear poor or wealthy.
Church	authority	1848	1, 30 f	The power of the Word is sufficient for the Synod; it needs no earthly powers.
Church	authority	1848	1, 30-38	Synod only possesses the power of the Word.
Church	authority	1893	4a, 26	It is part of the God-pleasing humiliation of his Church that she is governed purely by the Word and not by power structures.
Church	authority	1893	4a, 39f.	Christ has given all spiritual power to all Christians, the believers.
Church	authority	1893	4a, 47f.	The Church is only under the authority of Christ and His Word.
Church	authority	1992	58, 114b	The Body of Christ is harmed when pastors or congregations exercise unscriptural authority over the other.
Church	Black	1977	52, 205b	Black youth are members of the Church of today as well as tomorrow.
Church	blessings	1872	2d, 45 f	The blessings of the Missouri Synod will be preserved through the conscientious effort of pastors and people alike.
Church	Body	1979	53, 151a	Under our Head, the Lord Jesus, we as members of Christ's body all need one another and we edify each other in the faith.
Church	brotherhood	1896	4b, 29	Christians relate to each other as brothers, without ranks or hierarchies.
Church	building	1923	10, 93	The Gospel does not save if it is not heard. Therefore it should be preached in buildings people will not hesitate to enter.
Church	buildings	1920	9, 113	Lutherans are mocked by the world when they have to hold worship in dance or lodge halls, in private homes or public schools.
Church	character	1857	1, 346	Until the Last Day, the Church remains the totality of the believers, invisible and hidden under the

				cross.
Church	character	1866	2b, 39	The invisible Church, the congregation of the saints, is the one holy, Christian and catholic Church.
Church	character	1866	2b, 41	The Church is invisible because her head, Christ, is invisible.
Church	civilization	1899	4c, 22	The Church is indeed the greatest civilizing factor in the world.
Church	composition	1977	52, 199b	The one Body of Christ is composed of many different members, differently and uniquely gifted but equally important and valued.
Church	confessing	1899	4c, 36	The Church cannot be silent with the Word, but must confess it before the world. This preserves the Church.
Church	confessional	1969	48, 80b	A confessional Church must always be a confessing Church in a meaningful relationship to all Christians.
Church	conflict	1998	60, 116a	Conflict between pastors and congregations has arisen due to the sins of both pastors and congregations.
Church	deceitful	1902	5a, 32	The greatest deceiver in the world is a Church which proclaims salvation on the basis of works.
Church	defined	1893	4a, 47	The Church is the gathering of those who believe that they are saved not through their own works but by grace alone for Christ's sake through faith.
Church	defined	1893	4a, 49	The Church is a fellowship of people who walk the way to eternal life through faith in the Gospel while crucifying the flesh.
Church	defined	1896	4b, 28	The Church is only the believers, that is, Christians, the children of God.
Church	definition	1981	54, 198b	The Church is God's people, including youth and adults in ministry together.
Church	definitions	1893	4a, 38	The Church is the hidden congregation of all believers in Christ their Savior, the spiritual body of Christ including all born again Christians and only them.
Church	development	1896	4b, 22	Church history shows that churches gradually fall from their first love into either legalistic discipline or false evangelical apathy.

Church	discipline	1872	2d, 88	Church discipline should be exercised and in love. No pure doctrine without discipline.
Church	discipline	1893	4a, 50	Church discipline does not belong to the essence of the Church, but it does belong to the God-pleasing form of the Church.
Church	discipline	1893	4a, 50	Discipline takes place first and foremost in doctrine; "where the doctrine errs, the life cannot be improved."
Church	discipline	1893	4a, 51	Discipline exercised in a legalistic way is poison for the Church; a proper evangelical discipline is a spiritual medicine.
Church	discipline	1944	39, 249	Pure doctrine must be accompanied by supervision and discipline, so that error is not tolerated.
Church	discipline	1977	52, 119a	Delinquent members should be restored in accordance with Matt 18 and Gal. 6:1-2.
Church	divided	1893	4a, 52	Divisions in the Church are a work of Satan. They can only be healed by isolating and avoiding false teachers.
Church	divisions	1851	1, 184	Denominations which are united in teaching and practice suffer no divisions but geographical ones. Favoritism rejected.
Church	doctrine	1872	2d, 71	The Church should boast in the Word and its pure doctrine, not in its institutions or size of membership.
Church	ecumenism	1893	4a, 52	It is not proper for Christians to gather in external fellowships without unity in all doctrines.
Church	edification	1852	1, 200 f	Wyneken speech: God builds his church through the Word and Spirit, not through a legalistic understanding of the office.
Church	edification	1971	49, 207a	The Church is edified by the Word and sacraments and moved to gratitude and unity by remembering its spiritual heritage.
Church	endangered	1872	2d, 45	Scripture teaches that the Church is ever in danger, especially in these last days.
Church	episcopal	1872	2d, 106	The Synod has no need to officially reject the episcopal system, since our congregations have no trouble with this matter.
Church	equality	1893	4a, 48	All Christians are of equal rank before God.

Church	equality	1896	4b, 36	All Christians are of the same rank, all under Christ; there is no vicar of Christ to give commands in his place.
Church	erring	1893	4a, 44	Erring churches teach the essential elements of the Word of God as well as errors.
Church	erring	1893	4a, 51	Erring churches still contain children of God, but that doesn't constitute a reason for us to declare fellowship with them.
Church	essence	1938	37, 230	Word and Sacraments may be considered as belonging to the essence of the Church.
Church	established	1962	45, 149b	The Lord establishes Christian congregations through Word and Sacrament.
Church	fellowship	1857	1, 352	Peace in the church can only be established on the basis of unity in doctrine.
Church	fellowship	1860	1b, 77	A united (vereinigte) congregation is not permitted to join the Synod, even if it claims to subscribe to the Augsburg Confession.
Church	fellowship	1872	2d, 95	A colloquy with the Minnesota Synod is held to ensure unity of doctrine before acceptance into the Synodical Conference.
Church	flexible	1969	48, 136b	The Church must be sufficiently flexible to adapt itself to new circumstances.
Church	focus	1965	46, 170b	The Synod and congregations are primarily concerned with the Gospel of salvation and the Word of God's truth.
Church	focus	1965	46, 172a	The Church, as the body of Christ, though primarily concerned with the proclamation of the Gospel, is concerned with the totality of man's need.
Church	gifts	1981	54, 133b	God gives every member of the Body of Christ special gifts and ministries that he or she is to use for the good of all and for God's work.
Church	gifts	1989	57, 110b	The Lord has bestowed unique gifts upon the Church to accomplish the mission of bringing the Gospel to the whole world.
Church	Gospel	1899	4c, 21	The Gospel renews the Church and constantly gives birth to new children of God.
Church	Gospel	1965	46, 170b	The church alone can preach both Law and Gospel for the purpose of building God's eternal kingdom.

Church	Gospel	1969	48, 97b	The Gospel makes us Christians, builds the Church and holds the Church together.
Church	governance	1853	1, 235 f	The Synod must trust in God alone for the wisdom to administer its affairs as districts are established.
Church	government	1857	1, 393	The Church is not ruled by pastors as the worldly society is governed by authorities with the force of the law.
Church	government	1857	1, 393	The only head of the Church is the King of Kings, and all Christians are of equal rank.
Church	government	1857	1, 395	The Church is not ruled by pastors as the worldly society is governed by authorities with the force of the law.
Church	government	1857	1, 395	The gracious institution of Christ supports the congregations' mature and active participation of Church government.
Church	government	1896	4b, 39	All pastors have governing authority in their congregations.
Church	growth	1849	1, 73-77	Sihler speech: Healthy growth of the Church.
Church	growth	1893	4a, 39	The Church is built when souls come to faith and when believers are strengthened in faith; the Church is weakened where faith is weakened.
Church	growth	1899	4c, 29	The Church is built only by the preaching of the Gospel.
Church	growth	1923	10, 31	Next to God, we thank the foresight of our fathers in establishing the educational institutions necessary for the growth of the Synod.
Church	growth	1947	40, 476	Faithfulness to the Word is the only effective means for building and extending the kingdom of our Savior.
Church	growth	1959	44, 249	In God's endless mercy, He has blessed the LC-MS with numerical growth.
Church	growth	1995	59, 114a	God wants the Church to grow, but this must come through the working of the Spirit in Word and Sacrament.
Church	harmony	1989	57, 140b	God has called His Church on earth to work in a spirit of Christian harmony, including cooperation, frankness, and collegiality.

Church	healing	1967	47, 85a	The Christian congregation has a central role as a healing fellowship and community.
Church	history	1872	2d, 47f	A brief synopsis of the history of the Lutheran Church from Luther's death to the present.
Church	imperfect	1965	46, 99b	The Church on earth has always had imperfections arising among imperfect men.
Church	indigenous	1953	42, 375	An ideal indigenous church maintains self-government, self-propagation, and self-support.
Church	information	1995	59, 125b	The task of the Church is to inform, educate, encourage, and hold before her members the challenge of speaking out on issues.
Church	institution	1893	4a, 41	The local congregation is the single external fellowship of the Church which has been instituted by God.
Church	inviolable	1893	4a, 43	The Church possesses the greatest power on the earth; the whole world serves only as a platform for the Church; she will never be overcome.
Church	invisible	1893	4a, 42f.	Church, as a gathering of believers, is only seen by God who knows the hearts of people.
Church	led by Gospel	1896	4b, 23	Not rules nor apathy, but the Gospel alone can keep the Church from conforming to the world.
Church	location	1908	5c, 25	The Church is not found where there is peace but where the Word is taught purely.
Church	Lutheran	1866	2b, 40	The Lutheran Church is not the one Christian Church apart from which there is no salvation.
Church	Lutheran	1866	2b, 40	The Lutheran Church is the true, visible church of God on earth.
Church	Lutheran	1956	43, 707	The Lutheran Church teaches the central theme of Scripture, salvation in Christ through faith by grace alone.
Church	mandate	1950	41, 391	The Church has received the divine command to teach.
Church	marks	1866	2b, 71	The Church cannot be where there is no Word or Sacrament.
Church	means of grace	1866	2b, 50	The means of grace are not the Church but are the means by which the Church comes about and exists
Church	means of grace	1893	4a, 43	The Church is always bound together with the Word and the Sacraments, which give birth to and

				maintain her.
Church	members	1866	2b, 51	Baptized children are members of the Church
Church	membership	1866	2b, 41	Faith alone, not external congregational membership, binds one to Christ.
Church	membership	1866	2b, 42	Even those who only retain faith for a while are members of the Church while they have faith.
Church	membership	1866	2b, 44	It is a sin to abandon the Lutheran Church simply because of the pastor's sinful way of life.
Church	membership	1866	2b, 60 f	No one who does not have living faith should be a member of a Christian congregation.
Church	membership	1887	3e, 88	A man who without repentance removes himself from a congregation and later wants to return, should make efforts to reconcile himself to the congregation.
Church	membership	1905	5b, 21	"Peaceful release" should be sought by those members seeking to transfer from one congregation to another.
Church	membership	1908	5c, 23	If a member feels that his congregation has sinned against him, he ought to deal with the congregation before joining another.
Church	Methodist	1866	2b, 43	We cannot damn the entire Methodist Church, since believing children of God are there too.
Church	militant	1908	5c, 25	The true Church on earth will always be struggling, even against erring spirits in its midst.
Church	mission	1893	4a, 38	The task of the Church is not to explain spiritual things to blind human reason but to save men through the proclamation of the divine revelation.
Church	mission	1923	10, 151	The single and entire calling of the Church is to instruct its members, especially children, in God's Word.
Church	mission	1947	40, 361	The prime duty of the Church is to indoctrinate its members to "go and tell" (missions).
Church	mission	1956	43, 705	The mission of the Church is to project the Savior and his forgiveness before all people.
Church	mission	1956	43, 757	It is the duty and desire of the Church to bring to Gospel to souls and win them for Christ.
Church	mission	1965	46, 154b	The Church is the people of God, young and old; the whole Church is Christ's mission to itself and to

				the world.
Church	mission	1965	46, 79b	The risen Lord sent His Church on His mission when he appeared on the day after his resurrection (John 20).
Church	mission	1971	49, 152b	The fundamental task of the Church is to spread Christ's Word throughout the world in the most effect way.
Church	mother	1977	52, 182a	The Church through Baptism becomes a mother of all its members and should nurture her children.
Church	nature	1852	1, 202	The Church is invisible, recognized by Word and Sacraments.
Church	offices	1977	52, 169a	Certain Synodical offices within the Church call for a high degree of theological competency, for which pastors are especially trained.
Church	order	1857	1, 393	The Church is ordered by the differentiation in the gifts of the Spirit, so that pastors are mediately chosen to administer means of grace.
Church	order	1872	2d, 31	Church regulations, though of human origin, are helpful and necessary for the government of the Church.
Church	order	1965	46, 197b	The Church is instructed to do its work "decently and in order."
Church	organization	1893	4a, 44	Congregations have the freedom to gather together into larger fellowships.
Church	organization	1959	44, 249	Church administration should serve to preserve doctrine and practice and promote evangelization.
Church	orthodox	1869	2c, 96	An orthodox church confesses the symbols, confesses the truth amid today's errors, and seriously strives for a practice in harmony with the truth.
Church	orthodox	1893	4a, 44	Only that church is orthodox which actually confesses and practices all the revealed doctrine of the Holy Scriptures.
Church	participation	1857	1, 322	Participation in Church meetings should be treasured by the laity as a right purchased by Christ's blood.
Church	peace	1938	37, 237	The Scriptures teach that the peace and welfare of the Church is of supreme importance.

Church	polity	1896	4b, 28	Christ alone rules the Church; men only rule it insofar as they proclaim His Word.
Church	polity	1896	4b, 28	The Church is only governed by the Word of God.
Church	polity	1896	4b, 30	The Church determines adiaphora by free agreement of the members of the congregation.
Church	polity	1896	4b, 35	Episcopalians, Methodists, and Presbyterians falsely attribute to their leaders the authority to bind consciences in matters not determined by the Word of God.
Church	polity	1896	4b, 35	Various Lutherans falsely assert that there is an office apart from the Word which can make ordinances which Christians must obey.
Church	polity	1967	47, 107b	The congregational form of Church government does not in itself result in abuse to the Church's mission.
Church	preaching	1902	5a, 31	Preaching Christ the crucified is the single means given to the Church to achieve its purpose, the salvation of men.
Church	preserved	1872	2d, 65ff	The doctrines of the Church are preserved by continuous vigilance against error.
Church	president	1852	1, 213	The unity of the Synod is necessarily expressed by a single president for the whole.
Church	pure	1872	2d, 56	The pure Lutheran Church confesses and practices the doctrine of the Book of Concord. It is not without hypocrites and false spirits.
Church	purified	1905	5b, 25	Undesirable elements are removed from the Church by the Word of God, in its own time.
Church	purpose	1902	5a, 31	The task of the Church is to save people
Church	purpose	1902	5a, 33	Through the Gospel the Church should provide for men a peaceful conscience toward God, the highest good on earth.
Church	purpose	1902	5a, 35	The Church should make men rich in good works.
Church	purpose	1902	5a, 37f.	A purpose of the Church is to make men spiritually wise in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Church	purpose	1905	5b, 25	The task of the Church is one: to teach and confess only and entirely Christ's Word.

Church	purpose	1962	45, 140a	The primary purpose of the Church is the winning of people for Christ.
Church	purpose	1962	45, 140a	The purpose of the Church can be blurred by overemphasizing temporal affairs.
Church	renewal	1967	47, 143b	The doctrine of justification by grace speaks to the Church of continuing renewal.
Church	rights	1863	2a, 34	To have a right doesn't equate to having the ability to properly exercise it.
Church	rights	1923	10, 140	The congregation is the possessor all Christian rights and duties.
Church	Rome	1863	2a, 60	Children of God are still to be found under the papacy.
Church	state	1896	4b, 34	Thank God for the division between Church and state in this country!
Church	state	1911	6, 139	It is a recognized legal principle that those who wish to organize themselves as a legal entity must accommodate themselves to the laws of the State. This is true for the Church as well.
Church	state	1920	9, 148	Our mission (in India) supports the state by teaching the citizens to obey the government as God's institution.
Church	state	1938	37, 160	Synodical chaplains may not violate separation of Church and State.
Church	state	1959	44, 308	Compulsory attendance at services in military establishments may infringe on conscience.
Church	state	1962	45, 140a	The Church must be the conscience of the state.
Church	strength	1953	42, 283	The inner strength of the Church not only depends on public preaching, but on lay use of the Bible.
Church	Synod	1872	2d, 61	The Synod is a free association, not compelled by conscience, not commanded by God.
Church	task	1899	4c, 22	The Church has the important and difficult task of bringing people to faith in Christ through the Word of God.
Church	task	1899	4c, 28	God has given to the Church the task of converting the world to Christ.
Church	tax	1899	4c, 32	The Church has no right to require a tax from its member.
Church	transfer	1852	1, 222	Those wishing to transfer congregations should obtain a letter of release from their pastor.

Church	true	1872	2d, 59	The Lutheran Church is the only true, visible Christian Church on earth.
Church	true	1872	2d, 59	The true Church contains errors, but repents of them once they come to light.
Church	unconquerable	1857	1, 347	The gates of hell will never overcome the Church.
Church	union	1852	1, 212	Union of denominations is based on unity of doctrine.
Church	unity	1853	1, 238	The spiritual unity of orthodox believers naturally finds expression in a single external unified structure.
Church	unity	1857	1, 402	Where faith and confession are one, language and ancestry cause no division.
Church	unity	1866	2b, 22	Through God's grace the Synod is united in the Spirit, faith, doctrine, confession and practice.
Church	unity	1872	2d, 47	The unity of the Church is its greatest blessing, without which it loses all other blessings.
Church	unity	1872	2d, 56	The unity of the Church can only be maintained by a common confession.
Church	unity	1893	4a, 20	The unity of the Church, a unity of the Spirit and faith, is a gift of God through his Word.
Church	unity	1902	5a, 25f.	The true Christian Church is united in its faith in Christ, the one who saves sinners without their merits or works by the forgiveness of sins.
Church	unity	1905	5b, 25	The Synod is unified by the Word of God alone.
Church	unity	1908	5c, 105	Unity in the true faith binds the members of the Synod together.
Church	unity	1917	8, 7	By the grace of God the Synod remains "perfectly joined in the same mind" and without any separatist dissension.
Church	unity	1935	14, 221	God-pleasing, Scriptural external union is based on internal unity, oneness of faith, doctrine, and practice.
Church	unity	1935	14, 221	The Synod has a duty to conserve and promote true unity of faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.

Church	unity	1965	46, 80a	Every Christian is bound to His Lord and enters a real and living unity with all other members of the Church through saving faith.
Church	unity	1965	46, 96a	Only God's Spirit, working through His Word, creates and preserves true unity in the Church.
Church	unity	1977	52, 125a	Harmony in the church is found in doctrinal unity; doctrinal disagreement engenders strife.
Church	unity	1977	52, 135a	The unity of the Church is the work and gift of the Spirit.
Church	unity	1983	55, 153b	The true unity of the mystical Body of Christ can never be broken, since it consists of the unity of believers with Christ.
Church	unrest	1967	47, 96b	Anonymous, irresponsible, and unwarranted suggestions of infidelity on the part of officials add to the state of unrest in the Church.
Church	unrest	1967	47, 97b	Misleading doctrinal statements and irresponsible charges of error contribute to unrest in the Church.
Church	vacancies	1851	1, 178	Congregations without pastors should depend on neighboring pastors, reading services.
Church	visible	1893	4a, 43	The Church will be visible at the return of Christ, when the last soul is converted.
Church	visible	1893	4a, 44	Those who don't gather in the visible congregation around the public preaching office are manifestly not members of the invisible Church.
Church	visible	1938	37, 230	Word and Sacraments may be considered the visible side of the Church.
Church	visitation	1853	1, 240 f	Based on Luther's opinion and the Apostles' example, the president acts as a visitor for all congregations.
Church	witness	1967	47, 86a	The Church can truly be the people of God as it offers life and freedom to all in every area of human life.
Church	witness	1969	48, 104a	The Church's witness is strengthened by representative involvement of its members. (minorities)
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 23	The Church possesses the Word of God, a word far different from all words of men.
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 27	If the Church would really believe that Scripture is Spirit and life, she would experience a new Pentecost.

Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 28	The Word of God thoroughly equips the Church to do all that is entrusted to her in the world and in her own midst.
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 30	The Church applies the Word and is also its object for the Word is constantly active among her members.
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 33	The Church has only one danger to watch out for--the loss of the Word of God.
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 34	The Church never has a reason to deny the Word of God, in toto or in part.
Church	Word of God	1899	4c, 38	The Church has the duty to stand fully and completely on the Word of God.
Church	Word of God	1911	6, 3	The work of the Church is not so much an external thing, but the result of the pure Word of God which carries his blessing with it.
Church	Word of God	1971	49, 130a	Churches come into being as a fruit of the preaching of God's Word.
Church	work	1935	14, 134	The ailment of humanity, sin, is always only remedied by the God-given Gospel of Christ.
Church	world	1899	4c, 30f.	The Church must protect herself from conforming herself to the character of the world.
Church	world	1899	4c, 33	The Church can lose the Word of God in its practice when it makes compromises with the world.
Church	youth	1981	54, 198b	Young people are the Church of today as well as the Church of tomorrow.
Circuit	counselor	1983	55, 160b	Circuit counselors are charged with inquiring whether congregations are guarding purity of doctrine, not tolerating errors or schismatic tendencies.
Citizenship	Christian	1941	38, 419	The Augsburg Confession clearly sets forth our basic confession about Christian citizenry and war.
Citizenship	Christian	1971	49, 194a	An informed Christian citizen will be active in legislative matters.
Citizenship	morality	1986	56, 135a	Christians in a democratic nation have opportunity to speak out for morality and righteousness when voting.
Citizenship	training	1920	9, 39	The Church has the duty to train its members to be good citizens.

Clergy	lay	1852	1, 203	Clergy and lay relate as brothers, not masters and servants; Clergy are administrators of heavenly goods, watchmen.
Clubs	sinful	1893	4a, 53	Sinful clubs are those which promote false religion, worship; require or undertake sinful activities; provide sinful amusements promote sinful; pervert the divine order.
College	danger	1935	14, 113	Studying at sectarian or antichristian colleges or universities can undermine or bury faith.
College	purpose	1944	39, 440	Synodical colleges should emphasize the spiritual training of all students.
College	purpose	1944	39, 440	The primary purpose of Synod's academies, colleges and seminaries is the training of pastors and teachers.
College	standards	1863	2a, 70	Only those students should be sent to synodical colleges who know a true fear of God and let themselves be governed by his Word.
Colleges	competition	1935	14, 88	Rivalry between Synodical colleges could lead to unethical competition.
Colloquy	standards	1981	54, 192b	Lowering of colloquy standards would not benefit the Kingdom and the Synod.
Commandments	love	1869	2c, 58	The standard for Christian relationships is love; the golden rule.
Commandments	self-love	1869	2c, 58 f	Self-love is not commanded but reprov'd in the golden rule.
Common Conf.	significance	1959	44, 195	The Common Confession is not a functioning document for establishing Church fellowship.
Communication	aids	1977	52, 186b	Effective aids are needed to present the message of the Gospel to persons from diverse cultures.
Communication	danger	1956	43, 291	Modern means of communication give worldliness and unbelief access to our homes.
Communication	gift	1983	55, 147a	Communications technologies are gifts from God to be used by the Church in the cause of the Gospel.
Communication	God-given	1965	46, 94a	God is offering the Church mass-communication tools to disseminate the Gospel.
Communion	close	1983	55, 158a	"Close" communion includes responsible care to Christians who are members of denominations not in fellowship with Synod.
Communion	close	1983	55, 158a	Close communion has been encouraged as being in accord with Scriptures and the Confessions.

Communion	confession	1981	54, 156b	Altar fellowship is tied to the solemn, public confession of the pure apostolic doctrine and cannot be separated from pulpit fellowship.
Communion	cup	1938	37, 237	While one cup should be retained, no Scriptural reason against individual cups has been given.
Communion	fellowship	1981	54, 156b	Partaking of the Lord's Body and Blood is never a purely private individual act, but is a participation in altar fellowship.
Communion	fellowship	1981	54, 159b	Synod communes only those in altar and pulpit fellowship, except in situations of emergency and special cases of pastoral care.
Communion	guest	1981	54, 178b	Communion should be administered to sunbelt visitors by using the traditional guest Communion privilege for visitors.
Communion	pastoral	1981	54, 154b	Pastoral care, including administration of communion to members of other denominations, can occur in extraordinary circumstances.
Communion	practice	1983	55, 158b	It is desirable and proper that uniform practice be observed in harmony with the theology of the Lord's Supper.
Communion	saints	1969	48, 104a	The concept of the communion of saints implies the participation of all members in the Church's life and work.
Communism	atheism	1962	45, 158a	Communist regimes are atheistic and materialistic.
Communism	evil	1969	48, 140b	There are evils and dangers in Communism.
Communism	religion	1962	45, 120b	Communism expresses religious philosophies which are atheistic by intent and purpose.
Communism	threat	1962	45, 143b	Communism poses a tremendous threat to the Church.
Communism	threat	1962	45, 164b	The menace of atheistic Communism is increasingly alarming.
Conferences	pastoral	1899	4c, 77	Pastoral conferences nurture the unity of the Spirit among the pastors.
Conferences	pastoral	1979	53, 161b	Pastoral conferences aim to promote fellowship, unity, mutual care, pastoral discussion, Bible study, worship, education, etc. among clergy.

Confession	Baptism	1884	3d, 69	Jews give a testimony of their faith before receiving Christian Baptism.
Confession	conflicted	1998	60, 151a	It is not possible to make confession in two Church bodies at the same time.
Confession	conscience	1857	1, 334	Unwillingness to proclaim and teach what one holds to be true is a sign of an erring conscience. Such "truth" is not taught by the Holy Spirit.
Confession	continuing	1971	49, 114b	The Lutheran Church has reserved the right to interpret and explain its confession position over against aberrations of every sort.
Confession	continuing	1971	49, 114b	The right and obligation of adopting doctrinal statements is intrinsic to commitment to a confessional position.
Confession	creeds	1998	60, 114b	The pastors and congregations subscribe to the three general creeds as the correct exposition of Scripture.
Confession	gift	1998	60, 113a	The Lutheran confession in the Ingrian Church was preserved by God's grace.
Confession	Lord's Supper	1847	1, 11	Pastors who commune those who have not confessed their sins are publicly rebuked.
Confession	subscription	1965	46, 99a	Synod affirms the Lutheran Confessions as the true exposition of the Word of God.
Confession	Synodical	1962	45, 122b	All members of Synod are bound to its confessional basis.
Confession	Synodical	1962	45, 122b	The confessional basis of the Synod is the Scripture and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church.
Confession	Synodical	1965	46, 94b	Synod reaffirms its confessional basis and intent to uphold adopted statements.
Confessions	Apostles	1863	2a, 51	In writing a creed which the baptized must confess, the Apostles demonstrate the Church's right to compose confessions.
Confessions	blessing	1971	49, 208a	The confessions have been a source of great blessing for the Lutheran Church.
Confessions	congregation	1863	2a, 41	When a congregation confesses the teaching of the Small Catechism and the Augsburg Confession, it also confesses all the doctrines of the symbolical books.

Confessions	lay	1863	2a, 43	It would be desirable for congregations to establish a regular time to study through the Confessions together. ("Concordiastunden")
Confessions	Lutheran	1863	2a, 46	Lutherans who want to argue about a clear teaching of the Confessions should first give up the name Lutheran.
Confessions	Lutheran	1917	8, 54	Every congregation should have a copy of a Latin-German-English Book of Concord in its sacristy.
Confessions	Lutheran	1956	43, 393	The Book of Concord is a witness to the truth as it is taught and confessed in our Church.
Confessions	polity	1896	4b, 31	The Book of Concord rejects all governing of the Church apart from the Word of God.
Confessions	Scripture	1971	49, 164b	Synod is bound to all of Scripture, above and beyond the articles of faith found in the Confessions.
Confessions	Scripture	1995	59, 113b	The Lutheran Confessions, which include Luther's Small Catechism, are a faithful exposition of the truth of God's Word.
Confessions	study	1995	59, 156b	The study of the Confessions, drawn from and expressing the truths of Scripture, is desirable on an individual and group basis.
Confessions	subscription	1863	2a, 43 f	A vow to maintain the Confessions is advantageous for a positive development of Christian doctrine.
Confessions	subscription	1959	44, 191	Pastors, teachers, and professors pledge themselves to be faithful to the Scriptures and Confessions.
Confessions	subscription	1962	45, 105b	The Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church are a true and unadulterated statement and exposition of the Word of God.
Confessions	subscription	1967	47, 92a	By God's grace we freely subscribe to Article II of the Synodical Constitution.
Confessions	subscription	1971	49, 103b	All workers in Synod's mission have made their statement of loyalty to the Scriptures and Confessions.
Confessions	subscription	1971	49, 103b	Synod accepts in good faith the sincerity and continuity of workers' subscription to Scripture and the Confessions.
Confessions	Synodical	1971	49, 138b	Synod accepts the Scriptures as the only rule and norm of faith and practice and the Symbolical Books as their true exposition.

Confirmation	examinations	1899	4c, 92	Public examinations demonstrate that the pastor has sufficiently educated the confirmands in the Catechism.
Confirmation	importance	1977	52, 187b	Confirmation lays the groundwork for a thorough knowledge and practice of the chief truths of the Christian faith.
Confirmation	purpose	1950	41, 398	Confirmation is merely the primary requisite for communicant membership, not the end of religious education.
Confirmation	rite	1971	49, 138a	The Church is at liberty to alter the significance of confirmation, since it is a rite of the Church.
Conflict	guidelines	1998	60, 150a	Scripture anticipates conflict and prescribes guidelines and methods to be employed where there is manifest sin or disagreement.
Conflict	inevitable	1998	60, 150a	Conflict between brothers and sisters in Christ is inevitable, living in a sin-filled world separated from God.
Conflict	resolution	1998	60, 150a	Biblical conflict resolution begins with God's truth that Christ died for the sins of all while we were yet sinners.
Conflict	resolution	1998	60, 150a	The heart and center of all Christian conflict resolution and reconciliation is the making right of the sinner through grace in Christ Jesus received through faith alone.
Congregation	assemblies	1896	4b, 39	Congregations hold voters' assemblies according to the pattern of the Apostolic practice.
Congregation	autonomy	1965	46, 171b	No congregation is autonomous to decide whom it will serve.
Congregation	independence	1866	2b, 46	Every congregation is originally independent, with the same power in its borders as the whole Church.
Congregation	instituted	1896	4b, 39	The local congregation is the only external Christian fellowship instituted by God.
Congregation	members	1893	4a, 42	Hypocrites do not belong to the local congregation, only believers.
Congregation	morality	1989	57, 108a	The congregation provides the best neighborhood location for the dissemination of moral teaching in the context of Gospel proclamation and nurture.
Congregation	purpose	1986	56, 153a	The congregation exists to carry out the god-given functions of worship, outreach, service, nurture,

				fellowship, and stewardship.
Congregation	worship	1872	2d, 86	The devil seeks to keep congregation members from attending worship by supplying excuses.
Conscience	accusing	1977	52, 131b	Through faith the accusing voice of conscience is quieted and the troubled heart finds rest.
Conscience	bound	1896	4b, 38	Terrible harm is done to the Church when consciences are bound to anything but the Word.
Conscience	Word of God	1857	1, 343	Christian conscience is bound to God's clear Word.
Conscience	worship	1956	43, 763	At military establishments, compulsory attendance at religious services may involve infringement of conscience.
Convention	delegates	1967	47, 108b	All delegates are Christians, pledged to uphold the Scriptures and the confessions.
Convention	motivating	1967	47, 163a	Kingdom work involves people, who are stimulated by involvement in and through Synodical conventions.
Convention	voting	1967	47, 120a	Synod holds to the principle that conventions shall have a balance of lay and clergy votes.
Conversion	divine work	1872	2d, 87	The awakening of sinners is the divine service of the worship hour.
Conversion	hindered	1908	5c, 103	Conversion of Jews is not hindered by lack of proof for the truth of Christianity or lack of the power in God's Word, but by the hardness of their hearts.
Conversion	Holy Spirit	1893	4a, 32	The Holy Spirit alone accomplishes conversion with his almighty power of grace working through the means of grace.
Conversion	monergism	1893	4a, 31	Salvation depends alone on the work of God, not on human decision or disposition.
Conversion	monergism	1905	5b, 96	God alone can accomplish his purpose and convert the lost. (mission)
Conversion	monergism	1911	6, 202	Conversion is based on grace alone. Man's disposition contributes nothing to salvation.
Conversion	mystery	1893	4a, 33f.	Scripture does not explain how it is that some are saved by grace alone and others are lost due to their own fault. (crux theologorum)
Conversion	new birth	1893	4a, 32	Conversion is being born again, resurrection from spiritual death, the beginning of new spiritual life.

Counseling	guidance	1977	52, 151b	The Church recognizes the wisdom of guidance counseling.
Creation	gifts	1956	43, 751	God in His wisdom has bestowed talents, health, and mental powers in varying degrees.
Creation	special	1979	53, 161a	Many accept the concept of a special creation as the origin of the world and man (Heb. 11:30).
Creation	special	1981	54, 201b	Many Christians accept the concept of a special creation as the origin of the universe, including all life.
Creation	Word	1965	46, 79b	The Father sent His Word to create and preserve the world.
Creeds	formulation	1971	49, 117b	Creeds should be expressed in the most acceptable and understandable forms.
Creeds	formulations	1977	52, 129b	The formulation of creeds speaking to subjects of contention have resolved major doctrinal disputes.
Creeds	informal	1998	60, 115a	Informal statements of faith are subject to an imprecise and even erroneous confession of the faith.
Creeds	value	1998	60, 114b	The three creeds--Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian--are the cherished possession of the entire Church down through the ages and not just the expression of any one individual.
Crime	healing	1995	59, 144b	Both victims and criminals need Jesus Christ as the ultimate Healer in whom they can be made eternally whole again.
Crime	peace	1998	60, 142a	Crime disrupts god's peace in Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Crime	response	1998	60, 142a	The Synod, empowered by the Holy Spirit in Word and Sacrament, is in a vital position to offer comfort and hope to people affected by crime.
Cults	danger	1995	59, 124a	Cult, occult, and New Age philosophies and activities are destructive of faith and extremely dangerous.
Cults	modern	1998	60, 126a	The decade of the 1970s has been called the beginning of the modern era of cultism (e.g., New Age).
Cults	rejected	1981	54, 159a	The Gospel of Christ is denied by the Unification Church, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Way International, Hare Krishnas, Scientology, Christian Science, and Transcendental Meditation.
Damnation	cause	1893	4a, 35	We reject double predestination.

Deaf	sinners	1920	9, 129	The deaf are as godless and worldly as the hearing, who can only be transformed by the Word of God.
Death penalty	Confessions	1967	47, 97b	The Lutheran Confessions support capital punishment.
Death penalty	Scriptural	1967	47, 97b	Scripture supports capital punishment.
Death	non-Christian	1969	48, 83a	Most of the world faces the reality of death without any realization of self-identity, purpose, or worth.
Death	providence	1977	52, 137a	Life and death belong in the realm of God's providence.
Death	province	1977	52, 130b	Life and death belong to the province of God.
Debts	congregation	1899	4c, 65	It is still good Lutheran practice that a congregation pays its debts.
Delegate	confession	1969	48, 103a	All Synodical delegates are pledged to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
Delegate	voting	1935	14, 212	Voting delegates are in conscience bound to vote intelligently on all matters.
Demons	dangerous	1983	55, 162a	Many evil forces use modes considered harmless and entertaining to give the false impression that demonic personages are harmless myths.
Demons	spirits	1962	45, 164b	Many evil spirits are abroad who oppose the spirit of the Christian faith.
Devil	youth	1890	3f, 49	Christian youth will have difficulty with maintaining self-discipline as long as Satan lays snares for them.
Devotions	lay	1902	5a, 88	House devotions of the "Pilgerhaus" for immigrants in New York are daily led by Mr. P. Petersen.
Diaconate	Biblical	1989	57, 116b	The office of deaconess has Biblical precedent.
Diaconate	institution	1911	6, 190	The female diaconate, when properly conducted, is not against God's Word but rather has apostolic example. Their service of mercy promotes the course of the Gospel. (The Synod tabled this report.)
Diaconate	ministry	1979	53, 141a	The varied ministry of the Church can well use the services of dedicated deaconesses.
Diaconate	troublesome	1911	6, 190	Many troubles may arise from the diaconate, which often easily degenerates.

Dignity	human	1969	48, 148b	God knows the need and hunger of every person for secular dignity, honor, and capacity for self respect, which Luther lists under "daily bread."
Discipleship	gifts	1998	60, 105a	Discipleship is maximized in a community in which the gifts of all are celebrated and utilized.
Discipline	defense	1905	5b 158ff	Those accused in the Synod have the right to fully defend themselves before their judge.
Discipline	Matt. 18	1938	37, 323	Disagreements between pastors must follow the grades of Matt. 18 before appeal is made to the Synod.
Discipline	mutual	1908	5c, 25	Christians bear each other's burdens and admonish each other's sins.
Discipline	public	1962	45, 112a	Public correction of public sin should not evade the intention of winning the sinner.
Discipline	purpose	1962	45, 112a	Every rebuke should serve to win the offending brother.
Discipline	purpose	1977	52, 137a	The exercise of proper supervision and discipline is intended to promote the unity of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Discipline	restoration	1848	1, 53	Practice of public humiliation for returning members.
Discipline	restoration	1941	38, 428	The penitent sinner need not in every case make a public redress for wrongs.
Discipline	Synodical	1881	3c, 42f	Whoever contradicts a Scriptural and confessional teaching of the Synod and calls it false is to be disciplined.
Discrimination	rejected	1986	56, 212a	We abhor racial discrimination wherever it occurs.
Discrimination	victims	1986	56, 212a	Christians have a responsibility to advocate for victims of racial discrimination.
Dissent	procedure	1981	54, 160a	Improper methods of dissent cause offense and division.
Dissent	right	1981	54, 160a	All members of Synod have the right to express their dissent through a brotherly and orderly procedure.
Districts	benefit	1902	5a, 69	The Synod has experienced that establishing districts aids the work of the kingdom of God.
Districts	danger	1953	42, 470	Proliferation of new districts threatens the Synod with provincialism, makes doctrinal and practical

				oversight nearly impossible, and may threaten unity.
Districts	supervision	1998	60, 149a	The President of Synod is entrusted with the responsibility of supervision for the doctrine and administration of all District Presidents.
Diversity	respect	1977	52, 199b	Scripture provides a foundation for the recognition, respect, and celebration of ethnic and racial diversity.
Doctors	honored	1911	6, 203	We should remember and honor those teachers who have taught us God's Word.
Doctrine	.cf., Truth			
Doctrine	agreement	1981	54, 157a	Scripture and the Confession require that we strive toward agreement in confessional doctrine and practice.
Doctrine	agreement	1981	54, 157b	Scripture and the Confession require that we strive toward agreement in confessional doctrine and practice.
Doctrine	central	1899	4c, 38	The primary doctrines of faith and love must constantly be taught in the Church. From this foundation, specific errors in doctrine and life can be corrected.
Doctrine	certain	1884	3d, 161	Divine certainty of doctrine can only be attained through a proper understanding of the Scripture.
Doctrine	confession	1893	4a, 39	False teachers maintain that Christians must maintain external peace in the Church rather than confess the truth.
Doctrine	Confessions	1850	1, 130	The St. Louis seminary is to teach the Word of God according to the Book of Concord.
Doctrine	definition	1944	39, 250	A Scriptural doctrine is a truth contained it, expressed by or properly drawn from Scriptures.
Doctrine	development	1863	2a, 44 f	There is no dogma which cannot undergo an unending explication.
Doctrine	disputes	1956	43, 527	Resolution of doctrinal disputes requires the work of the Holy Spirit among those involved.
Doctrine	error	1979	53, 122a	Those involved in doctrinal review are urged to diligence in eliminating errors inherent in any human system.
Doctrine	errors	1956	43, 525	Synod has consistently opposed and will continue to oppose doctrinal errors.

Doctrine	false	1884	3d, 161f.	A teaching is not to be based on "the Scripture as a whole," a verse which deals with another topic, necessary conclusions, or a theological system.
Doctrine	false	1956	43, 551	All false doctrine should be exposed and distinctly reprov'd.
Doctrine	formulations	1967	47, 88b	The Solid Declaration (9-10) properly presents the confessional principle behind doctrinal formulations.
Doctrine	fundamental	1944	39, 248	Scripture makes no distinction between fundamental and non-fundamental truths.
Doctrine	importance	1959	44, 198	The very life and health of the Church depend on soundness of doctrine and practice.
Doctrine	judged	1884	3d, 161	Only when Christians properly understand Scripture do they have the right to judge all doctrine.
Doctrine	life	1899	4c, 36	We must distinguish doctrine and life. No compromise dare be made in the former, but we expect weakness and sin in the latter.
Doctrine	life	1971	49, 212b	A knowledge of Lutheran doctrine equips children for Christian life.
Doctrine	misused	1899	4c, 38	All divine truth can be and has been misused.
Doctrine	norms	1881	3c, 29	Our teaching is none other than that of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Church at the time of the Formula of Concord.
Doctrine	norms	1887	3e, 27	The seminary teaches theology only on basis of the Word of God and according to the Confession of our Church.
Doctrine	official	1929	12, 134	The District proceedings are official statements of Synod to be submitted to doctrinal review.
Doctrine	opinion	1977	52, 131b	Doctrines of mere human opinion, not clearly taught in Scripture, are contrary to Scripture and dangerous to salvation.
Doctrine	orthodox	1979	53, 164a	[Synod's first English use of the adjective "orthodox" to describe its teachings.]
Doctrine	practical	1893	4a, 49	All doctrine in the Church must be carried over into practice. Doctrine is the foundation for all practice.

Doctrine	preservation	1977	52, 125a	Preservation of pure doctrine requires maintenance of sound teaching and defense against those who teach otherwise.
Doctrine	priority	1981	54, 155a	Agreement with other Lutheran Churches in Biblical and confessional doctrine and practice is one of Synod's highest priorities.
Doctrine	profitable	1926	11, 140	Blessing and profit result when all members of the Church discuss doctrine, speak as one, and exclude all error.
Doctrine	purity	1850	1, 115 f	President's speech: A call to fight for the truth.
Doctrine	purity	1869	2c, 56	Every Christian has the duty to remain fully united in every teaching of the Scripture and to fight every error.
Doctrine	purity	1878	3b, 34	Unity in pure doctrine is a pure, undeserved gift of God.
Doctrine	purity	1890	3f, 47	We express our thanks to God by remaining faithful to the true doctrine.
Doctrine	purity	1893	4a, 44	All Christians have the command only to gather around the true doctrine of the Word and to avoid all false teachings.
Doctrine	purity	1893	4a, 45	Pastors, teachers and publications should be constantly tested for pure doctrine.
Doctrine	purity	1902	5a, 20	Pure doctrine is properly maintained through using simple and clear words and avoiding learned rhetoric.
Doctrine	purity	1908	5c, 24	By grace the Synod maintains the pure Gospel and the right Christian teaching as revealed in Scripture and confessed in the Book of Concord.
Doctrine	purity	1914	7, 35	The Synod's sister Church in Germany stands for absolutely pure doctrine, correct church practice and discipline and for separation of Church and State.
Doctrine	purity	1917	8, 9	May God's gifts and Spirit keep the Synod in the pure doctrine and with sound practice.
Doctrine	purity	1923	10, 37	By the grace of God, our professors hold fast to the pure Word of God.
Doctrine	purity	1941	38, 420	The Lord has preserved for us pure doctrine and the unadulterated Sacraments.

Doctrine	purity	1962	45, 103a	God has graciously granted our Synod purity of doctrine and practice without any merit on our part.
Doctrine	purity	1962	45, 103a	Those entrusted with preparing pastors, teachers, and missionaries should continue to teach in accord with Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	purity	1967	47, 94a	Preservation of pure doctrine should be unceasingly cultivated among brethren in the spirit of Christian love.
Doctrine	statements	1965	46, 97a	Synod regards all of its adopted doctrinal statements as standing under the Scriptures and Confessions.
Doctrine	statements	1969	48, 114b	Synodical doctrinal statements are not part of the ordination or installation vow.
Doctrine	statements	1969	48, 114b	The Constitution of the Synod forbids placing Synodical doctrinal statements on equal footing with Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	statements	1969	48, 91a	Synodical doctrinal statements apply the norms of Scripture and the Confessions and stand under these norms.
Doctrine	supervision	1938	37, 236	The President of the Synod supervises the doctrine of all Synodical officers.
Doctrine	supervision	1969	48, 104a	Synod has an established procedure for supervision of doctrine and practice.
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Doctrine	supervision	1971	49, 160a	The Constitution provides for doctrinal supervision through the President and District Presidents.
Doctrine	supervision	1971	49, 161a	The Synodical president has doctrinal supervision of Synodical officers, employees, districts, and District Presidents.
Doctrine	supervision	1971	49, 161b	District Presidents supervise doctrine and life of pastors and teachers in their district.
Doctrine	supervision	1981	54, 200b	Teachers and DCE's in their doctrine and life are the responsibilities of the District President.
Doctrine	supervision	1995	59, 137b	The President of Synod supervises the doctrine taught in Synod.
Doctrine	supervision	1998	60, 152a	The Synodical President has the responsibility to exercise supervision over the doctrine taught and how the true doctrine is put into practice.

Doctrine	Synodical	1881	3c, 43	When the Synodical convention speaks on an issue in the name of all the congregations, it speaks their public confession as their representative.
Doctrine	Synodical	1962	45, 106a	Synod asks all its members to honor and uphold the doctrinal content of synodically adopted statements.
Doctrine	Synodical	1969	48, 85b	Synod urges its members to uphold and honor the doctrinal content of Synodical statements under the norms of Scripture and the Confessions.
Doctrine	Synodical	1969	48, 86a	Synodical doctrinal statements reflect Synodical consensus which clarifies the faith for the current life of the Church.
Doctrine	teaching	1967	47, 96a	It is essential that the doctrine of Scripture and the Confessions be correctly taught in the classroom.
Doctrine	unanimity	1953	42, 490	At all times we should strive for unanimous agreement to the Word of God.
Doctrine	unanimity	1959	44, 192	Unanimity in doctrine and conscience is necessary, but not always attainable.
Doctrine	unanimity	1959	44, 192	Where unanimity in doctrine cannot be achieved, the voice of the majority must be accepted as the Synodical position.
Doctrine	unity	1959	44, 189	Conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith and defense against schism require constant vigilance.
Doctrine	voting	1953	42, 486	Since voting does not determine doctrine, votes regarding doctrine need not be unanimous.
Doctrine	voting	1953	42, 486	Voting on doctrine only serves to show whether all have recognized the truth of the divine teaching.
Doctrine	voting	1959	44, 192	Votes are taken in matters of doctrine only to determine whether all have recognized the truth.
Doctrine	voting	1969	48, 114a	All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God; other matters are decided by majority vote.
Doctrine	voting	1969	48, 117b	All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God; other matters are decided by majority vote.
Doctrine	voting	1969	48, 120a	All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God; other matters are

				decided by majority vote.
Doctrine	voting	1971	49, 165a	The Church cannot create doctrines by majority vote.
Doctrine	witness	1938	37, 233	The Synod continues doctrinal conferences with the ULCA, so as to "give an answer to every one who asks" (1 Pet. 3:15).
Doctrine	Word of God	1884	3d, 161f.	A doctrine is Scriptural when it teaches what is in the Scripture, though it may use other terms.
Doctrine	Word of God	1953	42, 486	Doctrine is decided only by the Word of God, not by the voting of men.
Doctrine	Word of God	1962	45, 104b	All true theological statements must accord with the Biblical doctrines of hermeneutics and Scripture.
Doctrine	Word of God	1971	49, 164b	All matters of doctrine and conscience are decided only by the Word of God.
Earth	age	1902	5a, 25	The Protoevangelium was given some 6000 years ago.
Ecumenism	.cf., Union			
Ecumenism	Christian	1981	54, 158a	Lutherans share the ecumenical concern that aims for all Christians to embrace and adhere to a single, true religion and live together in one fellowship.
Ecumenism	ELCA	1998	60, 107b	Recent ecumenical directions of the ELCA may jeopardize the doctrine and practice of our congregations participating in joint RCOs.
Education	.cf., schools			
Education	American	1941	38, 147	Non-Christian philosophical systems dominate American education.
Education	campus	1995	59, 134b	Campus facilities are also to be used for Christian education of laity for service in the secular world and for development as congregational leaders.
Education	Christian	1908	5c, 23	Christian parents should send their children to Christian schools where God's Word reigns.
Education	Christian	1917	8, 31	Christian schools are necessary not for the sake of preserving German but on account of the poor condition of homes, public schools and public morals.
Education	Christian	1917	8, 31	The day school is a necessary mission work of every congregation and cannot be replaced by a

Sunday School.

Education	Christian	1917	8, 31	The Synod has a duty to care for its schools, part of its heritage from the Reformation and an instrument of God's mission to children.
Education	Christian	1917	8, 32	Christian schools are the best way of founding and building up Christian congregations.
Education	Christian	1920	9, 229	Government restrictions do not remove the responsibility to provide for Christian education. Alternative methods of instruction must be found.
Education	Christian	1920	9, 229	The single call of the Church is to thoroughly educate all her members, but especially the young, in God's Word.
Education	Christian	1920	9, 39	The Church has the duty to protect its members against unbelief and heresy and therefore needs to provide Christian colleges.
Education	Christian	1920	9, 39	The Church has the duty to train its members to be knowledgeable and intelligent congregation members.
Education	Christian	1923	10, 150	There is no greater shame in Christendom than to neglect the Christian education of children.
Education	Christian	1923	10, 151	The single and entire calling of the Church is to instruct its members, especially children, in God's Word.
Education	Christian	1923	10, 29	Christian education defends children against these dangerous times in which Lutheran identity is under attack.
Education	Christian	1935	14, 99	The first and foremost responsibility of Christian education lies with parents.
Education	Christian	1938	37, 113	Christian education is a distinctive feature of the Lutheran Church and a glorious heritage.
Education	Christian	1941	38, 148	Christian education must maintain the highest standards of teaching and preaching.
Education	Christian	1947	40, 320	Christian education in the local Church should embrace infancy through adulthood.
Education	Christian	1953	42, 271	Effective Christian education is a joint undertaking by home and Church.
Education	Christian	1959	44, 224	Every congregation needs to develop an organized program of Christian education.

Education	Christian	1969	48, 133a	The rapidly changing world demands that Christian education be open, relevant, evangelical, and Spirit-filled.
Education	Christian	1971	49, 180b	Christian education, the communication of God's edifying Word, is essential to the life of the Church, and is its primary.
Education	Church	1992	58, 164b	The colleges and seminaries of Synod are to prepare those called to serve through preaching, teaching, and related vocations.
Education	Church	1992	58, 165a	The colleges and universities of Synod have a mission to prepare workers for the Church.
Education	commitment	1969	48, 132b	Each Christian must be committed to Christian education as the fundamental process of the Church in mission.
Education	defined	1969	48, 132b	Christian education is the process of communication by which God's Word is proclaimed, taught, exemplified, heard, seen, received in faith, experienced, and lived in personal and corporate responses by the Spirit's power.
Education	discipleship	1967	47, 143a	Education for discipleship involves growth in knowledge, attitude, conduct, and skills.
Education	duty	1944	39, 124	The congregation has the obligation to feed the lambs of Christ, which is best done through a day school.
Education	duty	1953	42, 264	Christ has made it the concern of every Christian and congregation to raise children in the nurture of the Lord.
Education	duty	1959	44, 203	Congregations are responsible for providing a maximum of Christian education for all their children.
Education	duty	1967	47, 143a	Christian education is the responsibility of each member as they equip one another to participate in the Church's mission.
Education	duty	1977	52, 186b	Parents are responsible for their children's education and are free to choose that education.
Education	elderly	1979	53, 150b	The goal of religious education for the elderly is much the same as for others.
Education	essential	1967	47, 143a	Christian education is an essential function of the Church.

Education	goal	1971	49, 185a	Parish education seeks to make the Gospel ever more effective in the life of Christians and congregations.
Education	goal	1979	53, 150b	Religious education aims for a stronger relationship to the Lord, discovering the Lord's will for one's life and activity, and letting God's kingdom come.
Education	goal	1995	59, 134b	The historic purpose for Synodical educational institutions is to recruit and train pastors, teachers, and Church workers.
Education	health	1923	10, 51	Bodily exercise, even in military form, also belongs to Christian education.
Education	health	1926	11, 51	Military exercise has nothing to do with mental and spiritual matters, but does promote good health.
Education	home	1953	42, 271	The home is the most potent teaching agency of the Church.
Education	home	1967	47, 143b	The Christian home is vital to spiritual growth and exerts an important educative influence on children.
Education	home	1967	47, 143b	The Church must equip adults for their mission of Christian education in the family.
Education	importance	1959	44, 136	Christian education is too important to entrust to undertrained teachers.
Education	institutions	1908	5c, 20	The more we teach the Word of God, the more money and students will be sent to our Christian schools. (Stewardship)
Education	lifelong	1967	47, 143a	Christian education and spiritual growth is both necessary and possible at all age levels.
Education	mandate	1956	43, 306	The Lord commands that his Word be diligently taught to our children.
Education	mandate	1959	44, 222	We have God's command to teach children diligently.
Education	mission	1896	4b, 90f.	In the mission field, the congregation's school is indispensable for raising the children in the faith.
Education	mission	1989	57, 149a	The colleges and seminaries of Synod exist to supply education services needed to accomplish the mission of the Church.
Education	need	1977	52, 181a	The Christian community is called to nurture all of its baptized members.

Education	non-Lutheran	1920	9, 39	The schools of the sects and of the state endanger the morals and faith of the Lutheran students who attend them.
Education	oversight	1971	49, 184b	The parish is ultimately responsible for what is taught in its educational agencies.
Education	professors	1977	52, 171a	Colleges and Seminaries should engage the best teaching talent available to train servants for the Church.
Education	public	1977	52, 187a	The Constitution of the U.S. is undermined when only one side of religious issues is presented.
Education	roles	1967	47, 143b	In the process of Christian education, every member must be both teacher and learner.
Education	scholarship	1977	52, 187b	The Church is bound to deepen its study of the Word and to pass on the heritage of its gifted scholars.
Education	school	1977	52, 186a	Full-time Lutheran elementary and secondary schools are the best agencies for equipping God's people for ministry.
Education	school	1981	54, 201a	Christian day schools are vital agencies of the Church in transmitting the faith and establishing religious values.
Education	school	1989	57, 102a	The most effective education agencies available to the Church for equipping children and youth for ministry are full-time Lutheran schools.
Education	sports	1920	9, 44	Athletic fanaticism can hinder serious Christian education.
Education	stewardship	1981	54, 191a	Schools of Synod are gift from God and need to be nourished and nurtured according to Scriptural principles of stewardship.
Education	textbooks	1983	55, 150a	Christian textbooks are sometimes permeated with secular humanism, evolution, destructive philosophies, or fundamentalistic and reformed moralistic theology.
Education	witness	1967	47, 143a	Christian education must provide opportunities to speak of God's love to one another and to the community.
Education	women	1920	9, 80	The Synod should establish a "ladies' seminary" for the sake of training teachers and foreign mission work assistants for the sake of higher education in general. (Action on this recommendation was delayed for the sake of further consideration).

Education	Word of God	1896	4b, 61	The proper instrument for the education of the young is the Word of God.
Education	youth	1944	39, 125	Christian instruction is greatly needed in the age just after confirmation.
ELCA	confession	1989	57, 115a	Synod acknowledges the common confessional heritage it shares with the ELCA in the Lutheran Confessions.
ELCA	differences	1989	57, 115b	Substantive differences exist between the ELCA and the Synod in the doctrines of the inerrancy of Scripture, the ordination of women, and eucharistic sharing.
ELCA	ecumenism	1998	60, 151a	The ELCA has joined in confession with Church bodies that teach false doctrine.
Elderly	support	1908	5c, 136	Children have the duty to support their parents.
Elderly	wisdom	1979	53, 150b	There is no time in the aging process when growth in wisdom and knowledge is impossible.
Election	causative	1881	3c, 39f	The eternal election of God is a cause of our surely achieved salvation and all our blessings. We are therefore elected to faith.
Election	cause	1881	3c, 29	Election has only two causes: the mercy of God and the merits of Christ.
Election	cause	1881	3c, 39	The reason why some are not elected lies in the individuals themselves.
Election	cause	1893	4a, 37	Predestination to salvation was not determined by our works or our good disposition, but only by grace.
Election	faith	1881	3c, 37	There is no election apart from the consideration of the merit of Christ which is grasped by faith.
Election	grace	1905	5b, 21	Our opponents falsely maintain that salvation is not by grace alone but is also partly based on oneself.
Election	mystery	1881	3c, 38	We cannot reason why some are saved and others not. It remains a mystery in this life.
Election	mystery	1938	37, 228	We must refrain from seeking a rational solution to why some are saved and others not.
Election	salvation	1893	4a, 36	God eternally predestined the saved to his salvation.
Employment	fair	1959	44, 151	The Synod as an employer has the obligation to maintain sound employment practices.

English	Church	1981	54, 184b	Hispanics not fluent in English are deprived of full participation in the life of the nation as well as of the Church.
Error	rejected	1971	49, 139a	The opinion of the party in error cannot be tolerated in the Church, much less excused and defended.
Eschatology	erroneous	1983	55, 162a	Much of the media preaching about the end times is unscriptural.
Eschatology	last days	1872	2d, 63	The last days, this entire period of the Church, is full of dangers, which grow worse as the world nears its end.
Eschatology	resurrection	1857	1, 346	On the Last Day a general resurrection of all the dead without exception will occur.
Ethics	business	1887	3e, 21	Christians must act honorably and decently both before God and men and be more careful in external affairs than unbelievers.
Ethics	business	1893	4a, 22	Christians must not deal with others as though they were all deceivers; they must think the best of all and believe even the worst can come to repentance.
Ethics	Christian	1872	2d, 67	The Synod and each Christian continues to live on this earth so that they might be a blessing to their neighbors, including their descendants.
Ethics	Christian	1971	49, 163a	Christ expects us in honor to prefer one another, interpret others charitably, and to speak the truth in love.
Ethics	reporting	1971	49, 163a	Christ's people will deplore reporting that impugns the motives of others as undermining the cause of harmony and peace.
Euthanasia	rejected	1869	2c, 61	Assisted suicide follows from the false principle that love for neighbor is based on our perverted love for ourselves.
Euthanasia	rejected	1992	58, 116b	Terminating the lives of those who are weak and helpless is falsely understood as a compassionate act.
Evangelism	.cf., Witness			
Evangelism	assimilation	1983	55, 140b	Evangelism efforts include the proper assimilation of new members in the life and work of congregations.

Evangelism	children	1998	60, 105a	A passion for reaching others with the Gospel has no group restrictions and is extended specifically to children.
Evangelism	command	1977	52, 117a	Christ commanded to evangelize.
Evangelism	defined	1959	44, 161	Evangelism is the proclamation of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit.
Evangelism	goals	1979	53, 91a	Setting goals in evangelism can be done under the conviction that only the Holy Spirit motivates people and brings results.
Evangelism	goals	1981	54, 129a	Goals in evangelism can serve planning strategies, evaluation of programs, and directing prayers to concerns of the Church.
Evangelism	goals	1981	54, 129a	Setting evangelism goals can be done under the conviction that the Holy Spirit motivates people and brings results.
Evangelism	lay	1863	2a, 56	Every Christian has the right and the duty to proclaim the Gospel in the world.
Evangelism	method	1863	2a, 84 f	The Gospel call among American Indians was hindered by the selfish and shameless behavior of the white men.
Evangelism	outdoors	1983	55, 144b	People found vacationing out-of-doors are open and receptive to the Gospel in that setting.
Evangelism	significance	1979	53, 136b	Evangelism is a vital part of the Church's work and is a directive of our Lord to His Church in Matt. 28.
Evangelism	techniques	1969	48, 124b	The techniques and theology of evangelism must always be a concern of the Church.
Evangelist	office	1857	1, 361	The Synod has the duty to send an evangelist or visitor among the western settlers to administer Word and Sacrament to them.
Evil	variegated	1983	55, 162a	Evil forces in the world take many disguises and forms and tempt Christians to turn from the truth of the Word of God.
Evolution	rejected	1962	45, 167b	The Synod does not advocate or tolerate the theory of evolution as truth.
Exegesis	clear texts	1857	1, 343	Articles of Christian faith and hope are established by clear passages of Scripture.

Faith	certain	1857	1, 341	A Christian who does not suppose his articles of faith are infallible is no Christian.
Faith	Christ	1902	5a, 34	It is insufficient for salvation to believe that God is gracious, but not to trust in Christ's outpoured blood.
Faith	definition	1893	4a, 28	Faith is to found oneself on the written Word of God, without recourse to experience and reason.
Faith	definition	1977	52, 131b	Faith is the confident assurance that for Christ's sake we are forgiven and accepted by God as righteous.
Faith	development	1995	59, 114a	The development of Christian faith through a bold confession of Christ is founded upon Scripture and the Confessions.
Faith	growth	1979	53, 96b	God calls upon His people to grow in their faith through the study of His Word.
Faith	justification	1977	52, 131b	By faith alone we accept God's promised offer of forgiveness and are justified.
Faith	lost	1899	4c, 30	Those born again are in constant danger of falling back into unbelief.
Faith	maintained	1899	4c, 39	The Word of God maintains faith in believers by constantly nourishing it.
Faith	means	1977	52, 131b	Faith is the work of God's Spirit through the external means of grace.
Faith	means	1979	53, 121b	Faith is the work of God's spirit through the external means of grace.
Faith	means	1995	59, 123a	The Gospel is the only way people are brought to faith and caused to grow in faith.
Faith	power	1902	5a, 86	Nothing is impossible for a work begun and ended in faith.
Faith	relationship	1995	59, 107a	Campus ministries are positioned to spread the saving faith and disciple saints for a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
Faith	Spirit	1995	59, 123a	The Spirit works faith when and where He pleases in those who hear the Gospel.
Faith	Word of God	1995	59, 122b	Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
Faith	youth	1983	55, 143b	Youth gatherings serve to strengthen the faith of those who attend.

Fall	natural gifts	1899	4c, 23	God did not remove the natural gifts of creation (e.g., language) from man after the Fall.
Family	Christian	1947	39, 311	The Christian home is the bulwark and greatest ally of the Church.
Family	endangered	1956	43, 322	The environment and morals of our civilization expose the family to more and more dangers.
Family	importance	1981	54, 199b	Scriptures frequently stress the importance of the family in the affairs of the Church and the world.
Family	institution	1950	41, 387	Family and home are divinely ordained institutions to serve man and society.
Family	institution	1986	56, 127b	God created the family.
Family	institution	1986	56, 128a	The declaration "it is not good for man to be alone" is the pattern for all subsequent human life.
Family	problems	1986	56, 128a	The only adequate solution to problems in families is found in the abundant life in Jesus Christ and what God has done and still does for our salvation.
Family	values	1981	54, 199b	Roles and responsibilities of family members in setting standards and transmitting values, in supporting and sustaining members are part of our Lutheran heritage.
Family	values	1998	60, 105b	Family values based on Scripture are eroding in our society.
Fellowship	acknowledged	1983	55, 153a	External unity of fellowship is to be acknowledged when there is agreement in confession according to God's Word.
Fellowship	altar	1981	54, 156b	Altar fellowship is tied to the solemn, public confession of the pure apostolic doctrine and cannot be separated from pulpit fellowship.
Fellowship	altar/pulpit	1869	2c, 87	Altar and pulpit fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod was established only after discussions had affirmed doctrinal unity with Missouri.
Fellowship	altar/pulpit	1893	4a, 51	We only maintain fellowship with those who confess the true doctrine in all articles of faith.
Fellowship	basis	1905	5b, 20	Unity is found in common faith and confession.
Fellowship	basis	1947	40, 501	Full agreement in doctrine and practice are requisite for declaration of fellowship.
Fellowship	basis	1959	44, 165	Fellowship with the India Ev. Lutheran Church is based on common acceptance of the Scripture and

the Lutheran Confessions.

Fellowship	basis	1967	47, 92b	Fellowship is properly established on the basis of Scripture and the Confessions.
Fellowship	basis	1969	48, 97b	It is sufficient for true unity that the Gospel be preached purely and the sacraments administered rightly.
Fellowship	basis	1971	49, 133a	The Confessions are a sufficient basis for approaching the matter of fellowship.
Fellowship	basis	1979	53, 118b	Agreement in doctrine and practice is necessary for the establishment and maintenance of altar and pulpit fellowship.
Fellowship	basis	1981	54, 154b	Altar and pulpit fellowship is based on agreement in doctrine and practice.
Fellowship	basis	1986	56, 145a	Altar and pulpit fellowship is based on agreement in doctrine and the right use of the holy Sacraments.
Fellowship	basis	1995	59, 117a	Affirmation of complete agreement between church bodies precedes a declaration of fellowship.
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Fellowship	basis	1998	60, 113a	Complete agreement in doctrine and practice precedes a declaration of fellowship.
Fellowship	bond	1979	53, 87b	Common confessional basis and commitment to God's mission constitutes a precious bond between Churches.
Fellowship	chaplaincy	1920	9, 104	Principles of fellowship are the same in war as in peace; therefore the Synod looks after the needs of its own men and cooperates with other denominations only in externals.
Fellowship	cooperation	1863	2a, 22	The Synod does not participate with churches of different confessions in relief efforts.
Fellowship	cooperation	1950	41, 692	Cooperation in externals with other Churches does not necessarily compromise Scriptural principles.
Fellowship	cooperation	1953	42, 453	Care should be taken lest co-operation in externals with other Church groups lead to co-operation in essential Church work.
Fellowship	cooperation	1969	48, 90b	Cooperation in externals with bodies not in fellowship is desirable when this does not compromise the faith or confession of the Church.

Fellowship	defined	1969	48, 97a	A preamble to the declaration of fellowship with the ALC defines the implications of altar and pulpit fellowship.
Fellowship	defined	1969	48, 99b	A preamble to the declaration of fellowship with the ELCC defines the implications of altar and pulpit fellowship.
Fellowship	discipline	1869	2c, 56	Erring weak brothers must be patiently handled and brought from their error.
Fellowship	disruptions	1908	5c, 22	It disrupts inter-church relationships when members of one church/Synod seek refuge in another before they have sought a peaceful release from their own.
Fellowship	doctrine	1920	9, 124	Common doctrine is a prerequisite for union with another denomination.
Fellowship	doctrine	1938	37, 229	Difference in non-fundamental doctrines need not disrupt fellowship.
Fellowship	doctrine	1977	52, 125b	Christians are to be united in what they believe and teach as they work and worship together.
Fellowship	duty	1969	48, 95a	It is the responsibility and desire of Synod to grasp every opportunity to approach other Christians, especially Lutherans.
Fellowship	education	1969	48, 90b	Teaching non-theological subjects, such as skills and methods of communication, does not necessitate Church fellowship among participants.
Fellowship	established	1899	4c, 75	A missionary from the Leipziger Mission was accepted into the Synod only after first confessing full doctrinal agreement.
Fellowship	established	1983	55, 162b	The right to establish fellowship relations belongs to the Synod in convention.
Fellowship	expressed	1977	52, 125b	Christ desires that the members of his Church express outwardly the fellowship they have with Him and with another.
Fellowship	fraternal	1908	5c, 23	Proper maintenance of church fellowship presupposes a brotherly attitude toward one other.
Fellowship	freedom	1911	6, 186	When a synod disbands to reorganize, its congregations are free to join another orthodox synod.
Fellowship	gift of God	1920	9, 240	God grants unity in the Church through a common confession.

Fellowship	gift of God	1969	48, 97b	Christian fellowship is a gracious gift of God and signifies fellowship in Christ and in the Gospel which calls on Christians to confess their Lord with one mind and one voice.
Fellowship	Holy Spirit	1969	48, 98a	The Holy Spirit leads the Church to recognize agreement in the Gospel where it exists.
Fellowship	impression	1979	53, 150b	Participation in a joint publication of a Catechism may give the impression of full Church fellowship and doctrinal agreement.
Fellowship	Lutheran	1965	46, 110a	The constitution of the Lutheran Council in the USA is in keeping with the confessional commitment of the Synod.
Fellowship	Lutheran	1965	46, 111b	The proposed constitution of the Lutheran Council inn Canada in accord with Scriptural and confessional principles.
Fellowship	maintained	1938	37, 234	Fellowship with the Finnish National Church can be maintained, on the basis of faithfulness to Scripture and rejection of unionism.
Fellowship	ministry	1981	54, 154b	Joint fellowship efforts can disrupt the ministry of the Gospel by either being unduly prolonged or abruptly discontinued.
Fellowship	motive	1896	4b, 25	The Synodical Conference was formed only because the members recognized that they all confessed the one, holy Christian faith and desired to serve and strengthen each other.
Fellowship	practice	1998	60, 114b	Differences in fellowship practices disrupt the peace and unity of Synod and provide a confusing witness.
Fellowship	prayer	1935	14, 293	Prayer fellowship is forbidden when it would involve compromise, indifference to doctrine, unionism, and giving offense.
Fellowship	prayer	1944	39, 251	Joint prayer asking God's guidance over doctrinal discussions is permissible if it does not deny truth, support error or give offense.
Fellowship	public	1967	47, 99b	Many public functions involving Lutherans of other synods can be carried out in accordance with our doctrinal position on fellowship.
Fellowship	race	1971	49, 145b	The concept of the communion of saints implies participation of all the Church in its life and work without regard to race, color, or ethnic origin.

Fellowship	recognition	1967	47, 102b	It is incumbent on Christians who discover wholehearted consensus in the Gospel to confess their Lord with one mind and voice and live in unity and mutual assistance.
Fellowship	referendum	1969	48, 119b	A congregational referendum on matters of Church relations is contrary to the Synodical Constitution.
Fellowship	resources	1965	46, 104b	The use of common resources does not violate the Scriptural principles of fellowship.
Fellowship	state Church	1920	9, 127	The Synod cannot provide preachers for the state Church in Poland. It only sends out true Gospel preachers.
Fellowship	Synodical	1967	47, 92b	Members of Synod have voluntarily united for conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Fellowship	Synodical	1969	48, 101a	Members of Synod have voluntarily united to determine fellowship relations through convention action.
Fellowship	theology	1967	47, 91a	The CTCR document, "Theology of Fellowship," presents the basic Biblical principles of fellowship.
Fellowship	unionism	1869	2c, 94ff	Missouri cannot declare fellowship with Ohio while the latter cannot fully confess our teaching on Church and Ministry.
Fellowship	unionism	1872	2d, 58	False altar and pulpit fellowship based on leaving clear doctrines as "open questions" destroys the Lutheran Church.
Fellowship	unionism	1926	11, 141	Difference in the doctrine of fellowship prevents Churches from establishing fellowship with each other.
Fellowship	unity	1953	42, 541	God-pleasing unity of doctrine and practice depends on the power and guidance of God alone.
Fellowship	unity	1989	57, 114b	Confessional unity binds together the Synod with its sister Churches.
Fellowship	withheld	1944	39, 251	Expressions of fellowship (prayer, pulpit, or altar) with those not yet fully united in faith militates against the law of love.
Fellowship	Word of God	1899	4c, 35	We would fall from the Word of God if we maintained fellowship with those who teach differently than the Scriptures do.
Fellowship	Word of God	1998	60, 113a	In obedience to Word of God, the Synod seeks out other Churches that believe, teach, and confess the

				same true faith.
Fellowship	youth	1950	41, 410	Fellowship with other Lutheran youth provides spiritual strength.
Flesh	materialistic	1902	5a, 29	Materialistic flesh tells man that there is no God, that all religion is foolishness.
Flesh	religious	1902	5a, 29	The "religious flesh" teaches man the <i>opinio legis</i> , that he must approach God through his own good works.
Forefathers	faithful	1962	45, 140b	The fathers of the Synod were loyal to Scripture and the Confessions.
Forefathers	remembrance	1981	54, 210a	Scriptures are replete in urging us to remember our spiritual forefathers.
Forgiveness	Christ	1998	60, 144b	We have love and forgiveness in Christ.
Forgiveness	free	1902	5a, 34f.	Forgiveness can never be accomplished by works of man, only by a gracious absolution.
Forgiveness	righteousness	1977	52, 131b	The forgiveness of our sins on account of Christ, promised and offered in the Gospel, is our righteousness before God.
Free will	synergism	1893	4a, 34	If justification depends at all on an act of the will, salvation by grace alone through faith alone is lost.
Freedom	Christian	1878	3b, 33	It is a limitation of Christian freedom and an infringement on the rule of God to prohibit congregations from joining a general synod.
Freedom	Christian	1896	4b, 36	Christians should defend to the utmost the freedom they have from Christ.
Freedom	civic	1992	58, 170a	Christians greatly appreciate and thank God for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country.
Freedom	defined	1896	4b, 37	Christians are free from all traditions of men, free to serve Christ and his Word alone.
Freedom	religious	1926	11, 241	In America, all may enjoy the priceless boon of religious liberty and freedom of conscience.
Freedom	religious	1965	46, 153b	Religious liberty trans parents the right to educate their children in the school of their choice.
Freedom	religious	1965	46, 153b	Synod thanks God and the United States for the privilege of religious liberty (First Amendment).
Freedom	religious	1998	60, 106b	Part of America's heritage is a commitment to freedom of religion and religious expression.

Freedom	restrained	1872	2d, 86	A pastor should rather never use his Christian freedom than give occasion for offense.
Gambling	addiction	1998	60, 123b	Gambling often becomes addictive and leads us to love money more than God and threatens our relationship with Him and our stewardship.
Gambling	greed	1998	60, 123b	Gambling can be a symptom of greed or materialism.
Gatherings	youth	1995	59, 114a	Youth gatherings promote the development of the Christian faith of young people as they boldly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
Gender	confusion	1995	59, 123b	Confusion exists in the Synod as well as in our culture regarding the relationship between male and female.
Gender	purpose	1992	58, 171b	The Creator made us male and female for responsible expression of mutual affection within the marriage relationship.
General Synod	errorists	1857	1, 318	The General Synod is "false Lutheranism."
German	resources	1929	12, 57	Pastors who cannot read German theological resources are greatly impaired in their ministry.
Germany	State Church	1899	4c, 82	The Missouri Synod dares to rebuke the German state Church because it stubbornly defends false doctrine.
Gifts	Charismatic	1969	48, 90a	Charismatic gifts ("Spirit baptism," speaking in tongues, healing, prophecy, etc.) are specifically mentioned in the New Testament.
Gifts	discovery	1981	54, 133b	Discovering and using God-given gifts helps members find satisfaction in being a part of the work of the congregation.
Gifts	spiritual	1896	4b, 42	Spiritual gifts and offices serve one another in the Church.
Gifts	spiritual	1896	4b, 42f.	Spiritual gifts in the congregation all serve the proclamation of the Word of God.
Gifts	spiritual	1929	12, 130	According to the Word, the gifts of the Spirit should be generally used, freely, according to strength and ability.
Giving	.cf., Stewardship			

God	divine will	1872	2d, 68	The fulfillment of God's conditional plans can be hindered by sinful man. Some of God's plans are only accomplished through man as a willing instrument.
God	grace	1872	2d, 69	God removes his grace from unthankful people.
God	love	1947	40, 358	God so loved the world, that he sent his Son to bring peace and forgiveness.
God	name	1866	2b, 45	To act in the name of God is to act on his command, with his authority.
God	name	1929	12, 196	In mission work, the name of a heathen idol can be used to refer to the true God.
God	name	1932	13, 148	The use of idol's name to refer to the true God involves linguistic, philosophical, and theological issues which cannot be easily settled.
Good Works	accomplished	1902	5a, 35	Good works cannot be performed as a means to salvation but only in faith in Christ.
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Good works	divine aid	1967	47, 166a	God alone can help us to do that which will be acceptable in His sight.
Good works	faith	1902	5a, 37	Good works flow from faith, not vice versa.
Good Works	grace	1967	47, 148b	God's pleasing works in the realm of social action and welfare follow in sanctification from God's grace in Christ.
Good Works	rewarded	1902	5a, 35	Good works of Christians will receive a glorious and eternal reward of grace.
Good Works	value	1902	5a, 35	Good works are insufficient to bring salvation, but they are nevertheless valuable and follow the Christian into eternity.
Gospel	definition	1899	4c, 75	The Gospel is the word of reconciliation.
Gospel	diversity	1969	48, 88a	The diversity of the Gospel record is a product of the freedom of the Spirit for the enrichment of faith.
Gospel	effective	1899	4c, 77	The Word of God has the promise that it will accomplish the purpose for which God sends it.
Gospel	given	1908	5c, 106	By the grace of God, Christ has given us precious Gospel, pure and undefiled.

Gospel	Holy Spirit	1969	48, 88a	Apostolic proclamation and inscripturation took place under the impulsion and discipline of the Spirit of Truth.
Gospel	inclusive	1986	56, 129a	Our Savior directs us to be inclusive, preaching the Gospel to <i>all</i> people, loving all neighbors as ourselves, following His own example.
Gospel	Jews	1923	10, 117	Jews are by nature opposed to the Christian faith and salvation by grace through Jesus alone.
Gospel	Jews	1986	56, 124b	The Gospel is the "power of God for salvation" to both Jew and Gentile.
Gospel	judgement	1902	5a, 33	The judicial declaration of the Gospel counters and removes the law's declaration of guilt.
Gospel	pure	1911	6, 96	The Synod possesses the wonderful treasure of the pure Gospel of Him who has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
Gospel	pure	1935	14, 295	By the grace of God, the Lutheran Church has the pure Gospel.
Gospel	pure	1947	40, 356	The Lord has entrusted us with his pure Gospel and given us grace to keep it unadulterated.
Gospel	pure	1959	44, 249	God has blessed the Church with the pure and precious Gospel.
Gospel	response	1905	5b, 20	The power of the Gospel expresses itself in the willingness of Christian giving.
Gospel	revealed	1902	5a, 30f.	The Gospel is totally unknown to the heathen. It is the true content of Christianity.
Gospel	salvation	1947	40, 359	The Gospel provides a way of escape for fearful people.
Gospel	salvation	1995	59, 114a	The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, of which we are not ashamed.
Gospel	state	1983	55, 155b	The Gospel does not legislate for the civil estate but is the forgiveness of sins and the beginning of eternal life in the hearts of believers.
Gospel	transforming	1995	59, 144b	The Gospel of Jesus Christ alone offers forgiveness and the power to change.
Gospel	universal	1969	48, 151b	The Gospel of Christ is intended for all men.
Gospel	universal	1971	49, 101b	The Gospel, the power of Christ, must be applied to all.

Gospel	universal	1977	52, 186b	Persons of all cultures need the message of the Gospel.
Gospel	universal	1995	59, 106a	It is the will of the Lord that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
Gospels	historical	1969	48, 88a	Since God entered human history, historical investigation of the Gospels must reckon with miracles. Secularized history is rejected.
Gospels	historical	1969	48, 88a	The heart of the New Testament message is a historical event, a historical person. This proclamation depends on its historical reality.
Government	aid	1953	42, 675	Without offending the conscience, Christians can differ on temporal matters such as Social Security.
Government	compassion	1977	52, 193b	No government agency can replace the warmth and compassion extended through the loving people of a Christian congregation.
Government	just	1869	2c, 85	Government has been established by God to exercise his justice.
Government	ordained	1965	46, 171b	God has ordained government to serve the human good and calls His people to be obedient.
Grace	means	1967	47, 143a	God's great gifts to the Church are His Word and Sacraments, the means by which the Spirit nurtures faith life.
Grace	means	1977	52, 131b	The external means of grace include preaching (teaching) of the Gospel, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.
Grace	means	1979	53, 121b	The external means of grace include the preaching of Gospel, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper.
Grace	offered	1965	46, 100b	God has continuously revealed and offered His grace to grace for their comfort through faith in the promised Savior.
Grace	prevenient	1893	4a, 33	Those who maintain that salvation depends on man's reaction to prevenient grace undermine <i>sola gratia</i> .
Grace	universal	1893	4a, 35	We reject all positions which undermine universal grace.
Gratitude	divine	1967	47, 165a	Only God can give Christians the gift of a grateful heart and the capacity to bring a thank-offering

				that will honor him.
Gratitude	divine	1967	47, 165b	God can stir our hearts to gratitude as we speak the Good News of His grace and mercy to one another.
Growth	Church	1911	6, 103	The Church grows not only in numbers but in knowledge.
Growth	spiritual	1872	2d, 76	As nature teaches, there is no standstill in spirituality, one either progresses or regresses.
Growth	spiritual	1881	3c, 18	Spiritual growth or loss are not immediately apparent to the eyes.
Growth	spiritual	1977	52, 182b	God's Spirit invites adult Christians to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
Growth	spiritual	1983	55, 143b	Spiritual growth should be part of the daily life of a Christian.
Growth	spiritual	1983	55, 146a	The power for spiritual growth is in the use of the Word.
Harnack	rejected	1902	5a, 24f.	Professor Harnack wrongly identifies Christianity with morality.
Hate groups	danger	1962	45, 97b	Hate groups (Communists, Black Muslims) exploit the discrepancy between Christian principle and practice.
Hatred	judged	1962	45, 93b	God's judgment falls on all lovelessness and apathy toward human beings.
Healing	mandate	1967	47, 85a	The Word of Christ compels the church to serve others in sickness and suffering.
Health	gifts	1979	53, 155b	Physical, mental, and emotional health are gifts of God, even as spiritual rebirth and growth.
Health	holistic	1998	60, 144a	Scriptures place emphasis on the integration of spirit, mind, and body in the life of a disciple.
Hearers	behavior	1998	60, 116b	Scriptures instruct hearers regarding their conduct toward their pastors.
Heaven	peace	1911	6, 112	Peace and rest from the Church Militant is present for the people of God in heaven.
Heaven	peoples	1962	45, 150a	Our Lord's will is that heaven be filled with multitudes from every tribe and tongue and people.
Hell	eternal	1977	52, 116b	Without Christ men will suffer eternal punishment.

Heresy	source	1905	5b, 26	Almost all doctrinal fights and divisions originate from personal bitterness inspired by Satan.
Heretic	definition	1851	1, 171	True heretics have been so convinced of the truth that they know they speak falsely.
History	confession	1995	59, 115a	A sense of Church history is invaluable in order to maintain a proper perspective and one's confessional identity.
History	purpose	1967	47, 161b	The history of Synod serves its purpose when it inspires even greater works to the glory of the Lord.
History	witness	1935	14, 304	The historical antiquities of the Church mark its progress and witness to God's blessing.
Home mission	defined	1917	8, 37	"Home Mission" is among people of, or coming from, Christianized countries, even if they are found in foreign lands.
Homosexuality	accountability	1992	58, 117b	Although homosexuality may not result from a deliberate choice, homosexuals are accountable to God for homosexual thoughts, words, and deeds.
Homosexuality	rejected	1992	58, 117b	The Word of God clearly condemns homophile behavior.
Homosexuality	response	1998	60, 143b	Many Christians need education and understanding how to use Law and Gospel to respond to those involved in the homosexual lifestyle.
Homosexuality	sin	1977	52, 136a	Homophile behavior is sinful.
Homosexuality	sin	1992	58, 117b	Homophile behavior is intrinsically sinful.
Homosexuality	sin	1998	60, 143a	Homosexuality is included as one of the sins condemned in 1 Cor. 6:9 and therefore also in 1 Cor. 6:11.
Homosexuality	unions	1998	60, 122a	Homosexual unions come under categorical prohibition as contrary to the Creator's design.
Homosexuality	unnatural	1992	58, 117b	Whatever its causes, homosexual orientation is profoundly unnatural.
Hope	Christian	1986	56, 210a	Christians are a people of hope, convinced that God's Word means what it says, "God is able to provide . . ." (2 Cor. 9:8)
Humanity	equality	1962	45, 97b	Scriptures teach God is no respecter of persons and Christ gave his life for all the children of men.

Humanity	essence	1902	5a, 26	A man is different from animals in that he has a reasonable soul.
Humanity	humanism	1969	48, 83a	Man's plight is so serious that its solution lies beyond the capabilities of human wisdom and power.
Humanity	language	1899	4c, 23f.	The wonderful gift of language divides man from the animals.
Humanity	purpose	1977	52, 122b	God has made from one man all people to live on earth as a loving family in harmony and reverence before Him, the only true God.
Humanity	worth	1962	45, 94ab	All human beings are the products of God's creative purpose and objects of Christ's redeeming love.
Humanity	worth	1977	52, 149b	The dignity and worth of every person is derived from his creation, redemption, and sanctification by our Triune God and is not diminished by age.
Hunger	congregation	1971	49, 193b	A primary agent for dealing with the problem of hunger is the local congregation.
Hunger	duty	1969	48, 143b	Christians, set free from self-centeredness by the crucified and living Christ, desire to meet their Lord's directive to "feed the hungry."
Hunger	duty	1969	48, 143b	The time for Christians to respond to the directive to feed the hungry is while they and their fellowmen are allowed to be alive in this present world.
Hunger	overpopulation	1971	49, 198b	Christian families should be concerned about hunger caused by population growth.
Hymnal	standards	1863	2a, 64 f	Only hymns commonly acknowledged as faithful to the Lutheran Confessions should be added to the hymnal.
Hymnal	value	1911	6, 153	We do not in time grow weary with the glorious old songs of the hymnal as our dear inheritance from our fathers, but the more we read, pray and sing them the more precious are their content, the more familiar the words.
Hymns	Word of God	1995	59, 113b	The historic hymns and liturgy of the Lutheran church are faithful expositions of God's Word.
Ideologies	rejected	1962	45, 120b	The ideologies of communism and secularism are potentially damaging to Christian faith.
Idolatry	money	1887	3e, 23	It would be a gross error and idolatry to trust that the publishing house should take care of all the financial needs of Synodical administration.

Immigration	fair	1965	46, 170b	Immigration laws should be fair and just to all and redound to public welfare.
Immigration	witness	1998	60, 102a	God has arranged for the nations to come in increasing numbers to the U.S..
Immorality	condemned	1962	45, 119b	Sacred writers condemned debauchery and immorality in clear and convincing words.
immorality	consequences	1998	60, 124a	The frequent presentation of immoral lifestyles and suggestion that they are acceptable violates the command of God and undermines marriage and the family unit.
Immortality	resurrection	1962	45, 106a	The doctrines of the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the flesh should be taught in accord with Scripture and the Confessions.
Incarnation	conception	1977	52, 130b	Our Lord was fully human as well as fully divine from the moment of His conception and His human nature is like ours in every way except in the matter of sin.
Incarnation	ministry	1965	46, 81a	Our Lord became a man and ministered to the needs of the whole man.
Indecency	rejected	1986	56, 129b	God tells us to avoid the influence of pornography, violence, obscenity and indecency.
Injustice	social	1983	55, 140a	Synodical positions on social injustice are clearly established by Biblical and confessional principles.
Inner Mission	definition	1902	5a, 65	Inner mission includes mission in Brazil and London.
Inner Mission	definition	1908	5c, 76	Inner mission is serving brothers in the faith with Word and Sacrament.
Inner Mission	definition	1914	7, 29	Home missions provides for those who already are our brethren and sisters in faith.
Institutions	divine	1986	56, 128a	God instituted marriage, the family, society, and the Church.
Institutions	educational	1902	5a, 21	Next to instruction, the primary goal of our teaching institutions is development of a Christian spirit.
Institutions	examples	1995	59, 124b	Synodical institutions of higher learning should be good examples of orthodox practice and doctrine.
Instruments	liberty	1965	46, 186b	The choice of musical instruments in worship is a matter of Christian liberty.
Insurance	witness	1872	2d, 98	Although the matter of insurance should be left to individual consciences, to demonstrate faith in God the Synod will not insure its buildings.

Jesus	.cf., Christ, God			
Jesus	Messiah	1977	52, 122b	Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah.
Jesus	Savior	1977	52, 122b	Jesus Christ is the Mediator between God and all mankind and the Savior of the world.
Jews	.cf., Judaism			
Jews	conversion	1938	37, 229	We do not look forward to a universal conversion of Jews before the end of the world.
Jews	deceived	1899	4c, 90	The hearts of Jews are deceived by Satan.
Jews	mission	1896	4b, 92	The Lord wants his Word proclaimed to every creature, including all the Jews.
Jews	mission	1896	4b, 94	Mission to the Jews is a Christian duty.
Journals	confessional	1969	48, 153a	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	theology	1979	53, 132a	Seminary theological journals have neither official synodical status nor supervision.
Judaism	apologetics	1890	3f, 67	Jesus Christ is the Messiah of the God of Jacob; various sayings of the Talmud agree with the Christian understanding of the Old Testament.
Judaism	Talmud	1887	3e, 68	The Synodical missionary demonstrates to the Jews the lies of the Talmud.
Judgment	works	1965	46, 81a	Our Lord at His return will report whether we cared for Him in the least of his brethren.
Justice	social	1986	56, 213a	The Old Testament issues a clear call for social justice and action to attain it.
Justification	chief article	1893	4a, 35	The chief and unique article of the Christian Church is that man is saved by grace for Christ's sake through faith.
Justification	Christ	1977	52, 131b	We are justified alone by the atoning work of Jesus Christ.
Justification	confused	1896	4b, 45	All sects add works to the doctrine of justification because they fear that the true doctrine will lead to an immoral life.

Justification	doctrine	1992	58, 118b	The doctrine of justification is the <i>articulus stantis et cadentis ecclesiae</i> .
Justification	exchange	1902	5a, 31	God made him who knew no sin to be sin so that all who believe in Christ would receive the righteousness of God.
Justification	grace	1992	58, 113a	Christ's forgiveness is by grace alone through faith alone as taught in Scripture alone.
Justification	mercy	1995	59, 122b	He saved us because of His mercy, by the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives new birth and new life.
Justification	Osiander	1863	2a, 50	Osiander wrongly identified the righteousness of Christ as the righteousness the Son has from eternity and not his merit through act and suffering.
Justification	Romanism	1992	58, 119b	Lutherans and Roman Catholics have reached a "fundamental consensus" in the Gospel.
Justification	significance	1860	1b, 15	The doctrine of justification is the central illuminating teaching of the entire Christian truth.
Justification	sin	1992	58, 117b	The redeeming love of Christ is offered to all through repentance and faith in Christ, regardless of the nature of their sinfulness.
Justification	vicarious	1902	5a, 27f.	Christ paid the sinner's debt to the law by his own vicarious keeping of the law and innocent suffering and death.
Justification	vicarious	1902	5a, 35	Christ became a curse for us to redeem us from the curse. We are now reconciled to the Father by faith. (Luther)
Justification	works	1902	5a, 28	The Christian does not rely in the least bit on his own works.
Keys	.cf., Church			
Keys	possession	1893	4a, 40	All Christians have been given the power of the keys, the commission to preach of the Gospel, the command to make disciples of all nations.
Keys	possession	1893	4a, 41	All spiritual power is possessed by the local congregation; larger bodies only have the power lent to them by the congregations.
Kingdom of God	world	1992	58, 119b	Jesus emphasized that His kingdom is not of this world.

Kingdom	secular	1969	48, 146a	God rules in the secular kingdom through political, social, and economic forces often in opposition.
Kingdom	secular	1969	48, 146a	Strategies for action in the secular kingdom derive not from the Word of God but from fallible human wisdom.
Kingdoms	two distinct	1969	48, 142	The Christian is a member of both the secular Kingdom and Christ's Kingdom and should keep these distinct.
Labor	providence	1935	14, 230	Peace between employees and management is a gracious act of God's providence.
Laity	educated	1950	41, 396	All congregations should strive to have a well-indoctrinated laity.
Language	gift	1899	4c, 23	God gave language to man in the creation, it is not the result of a natural development.
Language	gift	1899	4c, 23f.	The wonderful gift of language divides man from the animals.
Language	human	1899	4c, 1899	Human words convince by the reference to truths or the enlivening of the truths, which lie in the spirit of man or for which man has a natural understanding.
Language	limits	1989	57, 107a	Christian writers and speakers should convey theology in a manner that shows the value God places on all through the Gospel while using terminology in keeping with Scripture.
Language	meaning	1989	57, 107a	The meaning of words in our society is continually changing.
Language	power	1989	57, 107a	Language has the power to shape thoughts, attitudes, and actions.
Languages	Gospel	1874	3a, 27f.	Luther cited: We must maintain the study of the Biblical languages if we are to keep the Gospel.
Languages	value	1874	3a, 31	The Church Fathers would not have erred so much had they fully mastered the Biblical languages.
Law and Gospel	conversion	1899	4c, 29	The Church applies the hammer of the Law and the message of the cross to overcome the <i>opinio legis</i> of man.
Law and Gospel	distinction	1962	45, 111b	Law and Gospel are both the Word of God, but they must not be confused or applied in the same sense.
Law and Gospel	use	1884	3d, 54	Only he who has the Gospel in his heart can properly use the law; nevertheless, educational institutions are best governed by the law and hierarchy.

Law	definition	1977	52, 135b	Everything that reproves sin is, and belongs to, the preaching of the Law.
Law	effect	1902	5a, 33	The law of God, written in the Scripture and in our hearts, constantly judges the sin in us.
Law	instruction	1977	52, 135b	The Law is divine doctrine, which teaches what is right and pleasing to God.
Law	love	1965	46, 171b	The Christian's highest commitment is to the law of Christian love.
Law	natural	1902	5a, 30	Heathen know the law, that there is a God and that God is righteous. It is written in their hearts.
Law	necessity	1881	3c, 19	Pastors should preach the law sternly to those who are tired of hearing the Word of God.
Law	obedience	1977	52, 135b	The Law is the same for regenerate and unregenerate, but their obedience differs.
Law	<i>opinio legis</i>	1899	4c, 29	Natural man naturally assumes he is to be saved by his own good works.
Law	revealed	1902	5a, 30	The revelation of the law in Christianity presents the law in its original and complete sense.
Law	use	1977	52, 135b	The Law is to be urged upon both the impenitent and on true believers.
Lay	obedience	1852	1, 203 f	Laity obey their pastor insofar as they hear from him the voice of their Shepherd.
Lay	office	1866	2b, 38	The laity (" <i>aus der Hörschaft</i> ") may judge doctrine; they are not simply quiet hearers.
Lay	rights	1857	1, 394	All Christians have the right to judge doctrine.
Lay	service	1938	37, 345	Christian order and love direct the Church to guide and help its members in their service to the Church, for the sake of decency and order.
Lay	training	1950	41, 395	The doctrine of the priesthood of all believers requires the Church to train all members in church work, including education.
Lay	vocation	1860	1b, 20 f	Laity should proclaim the praises of God through their witness in occupation and home.
Leaders	recognition	1971	49, 151b	It is proper and fitting to recognize the services of leaders among God's people.
Leaders	remembrance	1956	43, 769	It is God-pleasing to remember those who have been our leaders and spoken to us the Word of God.

Liberation	Theology	1992	58, 120a	Liberation theology is a philosophy which blends Marxist thought and Christian teaching.
Life	beginning	1971	49, 126a	Life comes into being by an act that shares in the creation power of God Himself.
Life	beginning	1989	57, 115b	The living but unborn are person in the sight of God from the time of conception.
Life	beginning	1992	58, 116a	The living but unborn are person in the sight of God from the time of conception.
Life	Christian	1971	49, 145b	Acts of mercy and justice are basic to the life of the Christian.
Life	Christian	1977	52, 209a	God's Word establishes guidelines for Christians concerning their stewardship of life.
Life	Christian	1998	60, 119b	The defeat of death by Christ's resurrection means that those joined to Him now lived before God in innocence and holiness. This is real life with the Father's blessing and the Spirit's comfort and sustaining.
Life	Creator	1998	60, 119b	God our heavenly Father is the Author and Creator of all life.
Life	dignity	1981	54, 204b	As Christians, we value the life, creation, dignity, and worth of each person.
Life	dignity	1998	60, 119b	The source of human dignity and equality is that every individual at every state is known and loved by God.
Life	end	1971	49, 126a	Life and death belong to God and no one has the right to end life apart from God's express will.
Life	fullness	1977	52, 191b	Christ included total concern for His people in the promise of abundant life (John 10:10).
Life	gift	1977	52, 138a	Life is a gift from God and comes into being by an act that shares in His creative powers.
Life	gift	1981	54, 204a	Our Lord Jesus came to give life and to give it abundantly.
Life	gift	1983	55, 156a	Human life is a sacred trust from man's Creator.
Life	gift	1986	56, 210b	Human life in all its aspects is created by God and given as a gift to be used in His service.
Life	gift	1986	56, 212a	Human life before and after birth is the gift of God.

Life	gift	1998	60, 119b	Human life is not an achievement but an endowment of measureless value.
Life	mission	1989	57, 94a	Our gracious God allows Christians to live on earth so that they might bring others to the one saving faith.
Life	murder	1977	52, 137a	The willful taking of the life of one human being by another is contrary to the Word and will of God.
Life	propagation	1998	60, 120a	The sacredness of every human life is not impinged upon by the manner of propagation.
Life	protected	1977	52, 130b	Human life must be treasured, supported, and protected.
Life	purpose	1971	49, 126a	Human life was designed to inherit eternal life.
Life	purpose	1981	54, 213a	Our purpose in life as the redeemed of God in Christ is to carry out the Great Commission given us by our Lord.
Life	sacred	1998	60, 120a	Every human life is created by God and is sacred to Him.
Life	sanctity	1995	59, 141a	Developments in society have resulted in the disregard and denial of the sanctity of all human life beginning at conception.
Life	sanctity	1995	59, 141b	Synod affirms the sanctity of life and recognizes the reality of human suffering.
Life	source	1998	60, 141b	God is the Author and Perfecter of life and it within His wisdom to judge its quality and effectiveness.
Life	spiritual	1893	4a, 47	Faith is the heartbeat, the element of life, of the spiritual life of the Christian.
Life	treatment	1995	59, 141b	We respect the right to refuse treatment or forbid life-support systems by prior directive and to be allowed to die.
Life	value	1977	52, 130b	Life is a gift of God and unborn life is of special value before God.
Life	violence	1995	59, 141a	The denial of the sanctity of life has led to violence resulting in the harm and destruction of life.
Lifestyle	Christian	1998	60, 106a	Jesus taught that we should live in a manner pleasing to the Father as the Spirit empowers and guides us through Word and Sacrament.
Literature	evolution	1941	38, 323	Synod cannot fully endorse nature books with an evolutionistic background.

Literature	godless	1938	37, 250	Godless authors produce books which are unfit for Christian schools and homes.
Literature	heterodox	1962	45, 81a	While the production of Scripturally oriented books is encouraged, it is impossible to keep students from becoming acquainted with heterodox books.
Literature	indecent	1941	38, 324	Christians, as citizens, should oppose the spread of indecent books for the sake of the nation's welfare.
Literature	juvenile	1959	44, 272	The Church must combat the influx of demoralizing literature which leads children from the faith.
Literature	sin	1941	38, 323	Many books carry an undertone of work-righteousness and naturalistic religion and approve such sins as dancing.
Literature	subversive	1944	39, 272	Subversive literature of these last evil days threaten the spiritual life of the young Christians.
Liturgy	heritage	1989	57, 106b	The Synod has a rich liturgical heritage.
Liturgy	Lutheran	1989	57, 106b	Some congregations are writing their own liturgies which do not reflect Lutheran theological and liturgical traditions.
Lodge	danger	1899	4c, 36	The Church would lose the pure Word of God if it made a compromise with the lodges and clubs whose foundational principles are counter to the Word.
Lodge	deceitful	1902	5a, 32	The lodges seek to lead people to a better life in the next world through morality.
Lodge	evil	1938	37, 340	Pastors should make a strong stand against any and every lodge evil in their midst.
Lodge	evil	1959	44, 269	Synod maintains a firm policy against the lodge evil.
Lodge	Lord's Supper	1863	2a, 63	Lodge members who are still willing to be taught may yet be communed.
Lodge	members	1863	2a, 60	A congregation can be accepted into the Synod, even if it has lodge members in its midst, as long as it does not support such membership.
Lodge	members	1956	43, 578	The Church must strive to win individuals away from unchristian or anti-Christian associations for full service to the Lord.
Lodge	pastor	1863	2a, 60	A pastor of the Synod may not belong to a lodge.

Lodge	rejected	1863	2a, 60	The lodge ("caves of thieves and murderers") is one of the worst cancers that weaken the work of the Church.
Lodge	rejected	1893	4a, 52	Lodges confess salvation through moral improvement, not through Christ.
Lodge	rejected	1899	4c, 36	Lodges establish associations which are counter to the Word of God.
Lodge	rejected	1914	7, 53	The loge system is ungodly.
Lodge	rejected	1932	13, 175	The lodge is a power for evil.
Lodge	rejected	1932	13, 177	Lodges are unchristian and antichristian organizations.
Lodge	rejected	1959	44, 268	The Synod's position against lodges and unchristian and anti-christian societies is established by Scripture.
Lodge	rejected	1969	48, 156a	Synod continues to give testimony against anti-Christian religious tenets of some lodges.
Lodge	rejected	1977	52, 137b	Synod firmly opposes all societies, lodges, and associations of unchristian and antichristian character.
Lodge	warning	1887	3e, 87	The Synod warns its members against joining the Kights of Labor.
Lodge	witness	1965	46, 187b	Faithfulness to Christ make witness against Christless religious organizations necessary.
Lodge	witness	1969	48, 156a	Faithfulness to Christ compels unrelenting testimony against anti-Christian lodge tenets.
Lodge	witness	1977	52, 137b	A common witness against such organizations is vital to maintain the unity of faith and life in Synod.
Lodge	witness	1977	52, 137b	Congregations which disregard bylaws about lodges present a false witness, weaken the witness of others, and confuse present and potential members.
Lord's Supper	admission	1986	56, 143b	The admission to Holy Communion without a regard for confession of faith is neither faithful to God's Word nor an act of love.
Lord's Supper	admission	1998	60, 115b	Communion practice reflects the fact that a public confession of faith is reflected by a participation in the Sacrament.

Lord's Supper	admission	1998	60, 115b	Pastoral oversight is an essential element of proper Communion practice.
Lord's Supper	benefits	1998	60, 120b	The benefits of the Sacrament are not given and received apart from the elements used by Christ.
Lord's Supper	campus	1995	59, 124b	The Lord's Supper is celebrated at a college, university, or seminary under the ministry of a local congregation.
Lord's Supper	Close	1967	47, 93a	The principle of "close Communion" requires that only those who are in altar fellowship celebrate and partake of the Lord's Supper with each other.
Lord's Supper	Closed	1872	2d, 52	It is a denial of the Christian truth to commune non-Lutherans.
Lord's Supper	confession	1967	47, 93a	The celebration and reception of Holy Communion not only implies but is a confession of the unity of faith.
Lord's Supper	confession	1986	56, 143b	Fellowship at the Lord's Table is an act of confession of faith.
Lord's Supper	defined	1998	60, 120b	The Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of the Lord in and under the bread and wine which we are commanded to eat and drink.
Lord's Supper	institution	1998	60, 120b	In the institution of the Sacrament, Christ gave His body and blood for us to eat and drink under the form of bread and wine.
Lord's Supper	practice	1986	56, 143b	It is desirable that uniform practice in harmony with the theology of the Lord's Supper be followed in Synod.
Lord's Supper	presence	1995	59, 122b	Jesus says concerning His own body and blood, "Take, eat . . . My body given for you . . . Drink . . . My blood."
Lord's Supper	Real Presence	1969	48, 89a	The removal of the word "true" in the definition of the Sacrament of the Altar does not endanger the confession of the Real Presence.
Lord's Supper	reception	1986	56, 143a	Scriptures require both a knowledge of the Lord's Supper sufficient for its proper reception and a contrite heart which trust Jesus' Word.
Lord's Supper	value	1995	59, 113b	The opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day was a reality cherished by Luther and set forth with high esteem by the Confessions.

Lord's Supper	wine	1917	8, 78	It is a Biblical and hence a divine command that nothing but wine (fermented grape juice) may be used in the Lord's Supper.
Lord's Supper	women	1989	57, 116b	To avoid confusion regarding the office of the public ministry and to avoid giving offense, communion assistance should be limited to men.
Losses	backdoor	1998	60, 108a	God's people are encouraged to follow the Savior, who commended leaving the 99 to search for the one lost sheep.
Love	addicts	1995	59, 145b	Christ has given a mandate to His Church to love and care for all people, including the addicted.
Love	afflicted	1992	58, 172a	Jesus has set up before us His standard of compassion, care, and unconditional love of the afflicted.
Love	Christian	1956	43, 737	Christians are to bear each other's burdens and love one another.
Love	Christian	1967	47, 144a	Our call to follow Christ includes the commitment to love all and so to demonstrate the reality of His life in us (prejudice, racism).
Love	Christian	1969	48, 147b	Christian love is called to respond to many needs and cannot be regimented. It cannot be equated with feeding the hungry.
Love	Christian	1986	56, 210a	Christians are called to care for each other in deed and truth.
Love	Christian	1998	60, 144b	Christians are to live with one another with Christian love and peace.
Love	command	1869	2c, 66	The golden rule commands that we love our neighbor and ourselves alike in that we desire the will of God for both.
Love	command	1967	47, 150a	Scriptures urges us to love in work and deed and promise that what we do to the least is done to Christ.
Love	command	1977	52, 204a	Our Lord challenges us to love one another even as He has loved us.
Love	command	1981	54, 206a	Christ has commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, including undocumented aliens.
Love	command	1986	56, 212a	Christ command His disciples to love everyone.
Love	command	1995	59, 144a	Concern for the well-being of our neighbor is part of God's command to His people.

Love	faith	1902	5a, 37	Love for God and one's neighbor comes to the heart only by faith in Christ.
Love	faith	1956	43, 680	Love is the fruit of a vibrant faith in the crucified and risen Lord.
Love	faith	1965	46, 163b	God's people, with their eyes open to the mercies of God, desire to express their faith in love.
Love	for God	1902	5a, 36	Love of God, which accompanies all good works, arises only with the realization of God's mercy in Christ.
Love	God's	1965	46, 81a	God's love reaches out to the whole man in the work of creation and preservation, redemption and mission.
Love	golden rule	1869	2c, 59	The old Adam is purely self-love; the new man is purely love toward God and the neighbor.
Love	heaven	1869	2c, 69	In heaven the elect will love their neighbor in God and for God's sake.
Love	law	1962	45, 112a	The law of love is concrete, personal, and practical.
Love	mission	1881	3c, 76	Our neighbors' demands on our love are divine orders to show love.
Love	neighbor	1971	49, 198a	Scripture clearly directs us to have a concern for the welfare of our neighbor.
Love	not compelled	1878	3b, 56	Neither the Synod nor a congregation can require a member to exercise Christian love in a certain way. This remains free to every Christian.
Love	oppression	1971	49, 190a	Our Christian calling obligates us to demonstrate concern for all men, especially the victims of oppression.
Love	perfect	1869	2c, 67	God commands that we love our neighbor perfectly.
Love	salary	1899	4c, 119	The principle of love would require that professors be paid according to their personal needs, not according to office, position, ability, etc.
Love	self	1869	2c, 69	Even after the fall, self-love is perfect (fervent, constant), though misdirected.
Love	self-denial	1869	2c, 70	After the fall, the golden rule cannot be kept without self-denial.

Love	Synod	1986	56, 130a	Synod is committed to helping men, women, and children to resist the evils of pornography, violence, obscenity and indecency and to build up one another in love.
Love	universal	1965	46, 168a	It is the will of our Lord that our love be as all-embracing as His and that in love we do good to all men.
Love	works	1965	46, 168b	Deeds of mercy reveal the love of God in Christ.
Love	works	1989	57, 156b	Christian love impels us to provide assistance to those in need.
Luther	Bible	1911	6, 201	As Luther's writings help to clarify the Bible, so the Bible confirms the Lutheran confessions as the correct exposition of the Word of God.
Luther	celebrated	1884	3d, 18	Celebrations of Luther should serve to strengthen us in his doctrine and practice and to stand in the Word alone as he did.
Luther	gift	1981	54, 210a	The world, the Church, and specifically the Lutheran Church has been blessed through God's marvelous and unique gift of a person like Martin Luther.
Luther	Reformation	1911	6, 119	Luther set the light of the saving Gospel back on its stand.
Luther	significance	1944	39, 275	Great portions of Luther's writings are not needed by the Church today.
Lutheran	confession	1995	59, 125a	The name "Lutheran" clearly identifies what congregations believe, teach, and confess.
Lutheranism	America	1857	1, 310 f	President's speech: The horrible conditions of Lutheranism in America and God's miraculous work in bringing together and maintaining the Synod even in doctrinal controversy.
Lutheranism	apostolic	1911	6, 205	The Lutheran Church is identical to apostolic Christianity.
Lutheranism	confessional	1969	48, 96a	The Lutheran Church is a confessional movement within Christendom.
Lutheranism	fellowship	1851	1, 171	The Lutheran Church is the Church of the pure Word and Sacraments, with which everyone is duty-bound to seek fellowship.
Lutherans	true	1969	48, 98a	The LC-MS and the ALC are in the tradition of true Lutherans who are committed to the Scriptures and subscribe to the Confessions.

LWF	unionism	1956	43, 538	Membership in the Lutheran World Federation amounts to unionism.
Majority rule	will of God	1874	3a, 41	In matters of adiaphora, the vote of the majority is the leading of the hand of God.
Marriage	children	1908	5c, 23	Children are a gift of the Lord
Marriage	institution	1908	5c, 23	Marriage is not a human construction but a divine station.
Marriage	institution	1998	60, 122a	The blessed Trinity instituted marriage to be the life-long union of one man and one woman, to be held in honor by all.
Marriage	institution	1998	60, 143a	God instituted marriage, which is one man and one woman becoming one flesh.
Marriage	mixed	1950	41, 386	Marriages with avowed unbelievers or with Christians whose Churches require contracts regarding children are dangerous.
Marriage	mixed	1953	42, 345	Roman prenuptial contracts involves a sinful promise, violates conscience, delivers children to the Antichrist and opposes God's truth.
Marriage	mixed	1956	43, 323	Signing a Roman Catholic prenuptial contract infringes on the Christian conscience.
Materialism	threat	1962	45, 164b	Materialistic ideologies threaten the Church and the individual Christian.
Means of grace	.cf., grace			
Means of grace	objective	1979	53, 121a	God does not reveal Himself or bestow His spiritual gifts apart from the objective and external Word and Sacraments.
Media	blessing	1971	49, 203b	The Synod has been blessed with mass media for proclaiming the Gospel to people wherever they are.
Media	influence	1899	4c, 31	The press works day and night to lure Christians to a worldly life.
Members	loss	1998	60, 151a	Synod takes no pleasure in the loss of members but desires them to join in a free and genuine confession of the doctrine of our Church.
Membership	confession	1981	54, 179a	Dual membership in Church bodies is a contradiction of the confessions of the Church.
Methodism	new measures	1911	6, 201	Walther, once freed from Pietism, fought against the Methodistic new measures in the Lutheran

				Church with his distinction of Law and Gospel.
Mexicans	mission	1929	12, 89	To a great extent, Mexican immigrants are blind heathen.
Military	conscience	1967	47, 97a	Selective conscientious objection to military service tends to promote chaos and anarchy.
Military	conscience	1967	47, 97a	There could be exceptional cases in which a Christian's conscience might lead him to refuse to bear arms.
Military	ministry	1983	55, 141b	The Church has an obligation to serve the spiritual needs of members who are serving in the military throughout the world.
Millennialism	Confessions	1863	2a, 45	The Confessions clearly reject Millennialism
Millennialism	Jewish	1863	2a, 45	All chiliasm is a Jewish opinion.
Millennialism	rejected	1857	1, 317	The error of Chiliasm appears in some congregations.
Millennialism	rejected	1857	1, 381 f	Schaller's detailed scriptural proof of the necessary rejection of Chiliasm.
Millennialism	rejected	1881	3c, 78	Every current mission to the Jews is infected with the monstrosity of Chiliasm.
Millennialism	rejected	1893	4a, 45	The Church on earth will remain under the cross until the last day.
Millennialism	rejected	1911	6, 202	Proper Christian hope is not in a thousand year rule but in the consummation of salvation in the future world and the return of Christ for judgment.
Millennialism	rejected	1938	37, 230	The Synod allows differing understandings of Rev. 20, as long as chiliasm is avoided and the analogy of faith retained.
Millennialism	rejected	1992	58, 119b	Millennialist views have led many Christian to embrace misleading ideas that are injurious to faith.
Millennialism	rejected	1992	58, 119b	The Synod, on the basis of Scripture and the Confessions, has rejected false teachings regarding a visible earthly, millennial reign of Christ.
Millennialism	sectarian	1893	4a, 90	In their mission, the Millennialist sects make the Jews more proud and arrogant.
Minister	of Religion	1983	55, 149b	Teachers and DCE's carry out the office of a minister of religion.

Ministry	addictions	1992	58, 171a	Substance abuse directly affects the ministry of both lay people and professional Church workers.
Ministry	AIDS	1989	57, 156a	Jesus set before us an example of unconditional love, care, and compassion in the treatment of the afflicted.
Ministry	blind	1959	44, 163	Ministry to the blind aims at the God-pleasing goal of integrating them into society.
Ministry	buildings	1920	9, 116	An executive secretary of the church building commission devotes his time to the spread of the kingdom of God by raising funds for building churches.
Ministry	call	1981	54, 209b	Our Lord has called upon us to minister to one another in order to meet the spiritual needs of members of the Body of Christ.
Ministry	campus	1995	59, 105a	The philosophy for campus ministry has been to provide a Word and Sacrament ministry for our college and university students.
Ministry	campus	1995	59, 107a	Campus ministry is critical because leaders of our Church and world are being formed at colleges and universities.
Ministry	changing	1981	54, 193b	Changing times and communities require new ideas for ministry for the Church to go, teach, and baptize.
Ministry	child abuse	1995	59, 145a	Local congregations are the Body of Christ in their place for dealing with and ministering to child abusers, victims, and other family members.
Ministry	children	1998	60, 105a	It is the duty of the Church to minister to children.
Ministry	Christians	1989	57, 157a	Scripture encourages to care especially for those of the household of faith.
Ministry	confessional	1969	48, 82b	Campus ministry should be faithful to the Gospel as it is revealed in the Scriptures and affirmed in the Confessions.
Ministry	congregation	1986	56, 153a	Congregations are on the front-line of mission and ministry, and the Synod exists to support that ministry.
Ministry	disabled	1981	54, 205a	Christ commands that we minister to all, including the disabled and handicapped.

Ministry	diversified	1965	46, 83a	No one common form of Church and ministry can serve a complex urbanized society.
Ministry	doctrine	1992	58, 157b	The doctrine of the ministry and all areas of service in the Church are vital.
Ministry	effective	1962	45, 82a	Effective minister is correlated with the best possible training for the ministry.
Ministry	effectiveness	1967	47, 131b	A multiracial staff has greater effectiveness in ministry in urban areas.
Ministry	equipping	1965	46, 154b	Equipping adults and youth for their ministry demands participation in effective Christian education programs.
Ministry	equipping	1969	48, 135b	God sends pastors and teachers to equip His people for their ministry of His Word.
Ministry	evangelism	1971	49, 189a	The function of evangelism is essential to the church's Gospel ministry to the world.
Ministry	family	1992	58, 110a	Ministry to and concern for the well-being of all families are immediate priorities and ongoing concerns of the Church's ministry.
Ministry	family	1998	60, 105a	It is the duty of the Church to support families as the primary faith nurturers of children.
Ministry	healing	1983	55, 139b	Christ, who healed the sick in body and mind, has commissioned his people to follow in his way.
Ministry	healing	1983	55, 139b	It is essential that the whole Church be involved in dealing with sickness and creating wholeness.
Ministry	healing	1995	59, 143b	The Church is called to engage in Christ's ministry of healing and intercession for those who are ill in body, mind, and spirit and those who are discriminated against.
Ministry	holistic	1977	52, 189b	The Church is called to minister to the whole man, body, mind, and spirit.
Ministry	homeless	1989	57, 156a	We are to care for those who are without adequate shelter.
Ministry	languages	1967	47, 135b	Ministerial professional competence demands the study of the Biblical languages.
Ministry	lay	1989	57, 111b	It is an effective means of promoting the Gospel that the ministry of lay people be regarded as a way to multiply, enhance, and extend the ministry of the Church.
Ministry	love	1977	52, 190a	Scripture urges Christians to a ministry of love to the neighbor in word and deed.

Ministry	mandate	1979	53, 146b	Christ challenged his Church to preach, teach, and in many other ways minister to people.
Ministry	men	1998	60, 123a	There is a need for a ministry to men regarding their duties to their marriage, family, and Church.
Ministry	needy	1989	57, 154b	Christ by His deeds and teaching encourages us to a ministry of compassion towards the hungry, poor, and others in need.
Ministry	perfect	1962	45, 137b	The perfect pattern of ministry of Christ concerned itself with every need of man, both body and soul.
Ministry	planning	1981	54, 203b	Planning for various facets of ministry is essential for an effect witness of Christ's concern and love.
Ministry	poor	1962	45, 94b	Christ taught and exemplified the concern we should have for the physical and spiritual welfare of the downtrodden and dispossessed.
Ministry	poor	1979	53, 172a	Christ considered the poor his brothers and met their physical as well as spiritual needs.
Ministry	poor	1979	53, 173a	Providing housing for the poor witness to faith that works by love.
Ministry	race	1981	54, 205a	Christ ministered to all people regardless of race and condition of life in his teaching and healing.
Ministry	reconciling	1971	49, 108a	God has called us to be partners in His ministry of reconciliation.
Ministry	refugee	1992	58, 173a	Scripture directs Christians to show love, care, hospitality, and assistance toward strangers and foreigners.
Ministry	scope	1956	43, 337	The command to feed Christ's sheep includes all members of the flock.
Ministry	service	1950	41, 796	The services rendered by a pastor or teacher are more important, necessary and beneficial for time and eternity than by those in secular employment.
Ministry	social	1965	46, 168b	The history of the Synod shows its people to have regarded social services as a highly personal Christian concern and congregational responsibility.
Ministry	social	1965	46, 170b	Christians, like the prophets, must ever seek to strengthen and preserve social and civic well-being.
Ministry	social	1967	47, 114b	The concern for the social needs of people is an integral part of the work of the Church in serving the "whole man."

Ministry	social	1967	47, 148b	The Christian in love always stands ready to accept his Lord's challenge to serve, to heal, to plan wisely, and to witness.
Ministry	social	1967	47, 149a	Christ directs his Church to care for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless.
Ministry	social	1967	47, 151b	Those who work to support equality and improve the spiritual and economic station of the underprivileged serve God and country.
Ministry	social	1967	47, 152b	Christ commands His Church to feed the hungry, clothe the ill-clad, and share with the underprivileged.
Ministry	social	1969	48, 106b	The Lord has instructed His children to have compassion on the poor, the underprivileged, and the downtrodden.
Ministry	social	1969	48, 144b	The report from the Board of Social Ministry together with its "Ten Guiding Principles" is commended for its Biblical approach.
Ministry	social	1971	49, 189b	Social ministry and world relief is an integral, legitimate, and valid part of the work of the Church.
Ministry	social	1977	52, 151b	Social ministry is increasingly recognized as a valid and vital part of our Christian mission.
Ministry	social	1977	52, 191b	Christians are to be concerned with the material needs of our fellowmen as well as spiritual.
Ministry	social	1979	53, 158a	Christians are to be concerned with the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of all people.
Ministry	social	1979	53, 158a	Social ministry gives evidence of faith that works by love and opens doors for the Gospel.
Ministry	social	1979	53, 158a	Synod has passed 80 resolutions recognizing social ministry and world relief as part of the total ministry of the Church.
Ministry	social	1979	53, 159a	Christ and the cross are at the center of our Church's social-ministry programs.
Ministry	social	1981	54, 203b	Our Lord has clearly spelled out his will regarding feeding the hungry, showing mercy to the poor, and helping the needy.
Ministry	social	1983	55, 138b	Christ commands that we befriend those among us who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, or sick.
Ministry	social	1986	56, 213a	The Gospel calls us to address the social issues of our age.

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Ministry	social	1992	58, 172b	Christ calls us to feed the hungry, shelter the stranger, and clothe the naked.
Ministry	specialized	1979	53, 144b	Specialized ministries (parish worker, lay worker, DCE, etc.) should be used where possible for the proclamation of the Gospel, the extension of the Church, and the glory of God.
Ministry	support	1941	38, 182	Scripture clearly enjoins congregations to provide for their pastors and teachers.
Ministry	teaching	1989	57, 102a	Gifted men and women offer themselves to God through service in the teaching ministry of Synod.
Ministry	training	1971	49, 173a	An effective ministry requires adequate formal training as well as field work. Apprentice training is insufficient.
Ministry	training	1971	49, 189a	Understanding evangelism and developing evangelism skills are essential to the preparation of pastors and teachers.
Ministry	unbiased	1962	45, 93a	The Scriptures require serving the community without regard to racial origin or social status.
Ministry	visitations	1989	57, 150b	Our Lord values the ministry to the sick, injured, and imprisoned as service to Him.
Ministry	witness	1983	55, 138b	Caring for the outcasts and homeless is a visible witness to the world of God's love and value for human life.
Ministry	youth	1983	55, 143a	Youth ministry is youth and adults working together to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
Mission	.cf. Inner, Home			
Mission	Africa	1890	3f, 72	From the Black schools of the South, God might raise up young men whom we could send to Africa as missionaries.
Mission	aim	1896	4b, 90	Part of the responsibility of mission work is making sure that a proper Lutheranism develops among the people.

Mission	aim	1941	38, 218	The aim of mission must be to build an indigenous, self-propagating, self-supporting Church.
Mission	ambassadors	1971	49, 207a	The Lord has called us to be ambassadors for Christ in the ministry of reconciliation today.
Mission	American	1878	3b, 36	God also wants the Gospel he entrusted to us to be preached among the English-speaking Americans. Love compels us.
Mission	American	1902	5a, 75	God has given the American Lutheran Church the task of proclaiming the pure doctrine in both English and German.
Mission	autonomy	1911	6, 103	All missionaries and mission congregations are urged to become self-supporting.
Mission	barriers	1962	45, 138a	Relief ministry removed barriers for Gospel ministry
Mission	beginning	1992	58, 102b	The mission of the Church begins where we are as disciples and moves out from us into surrounding areas.
Mission	Bible	1962	45, 116b	To fulfill the God-given mission in the world, the Church must have its people rooted in the Word of God.
Mission	Bible	1969	48, 78b	Giving people the Word of God in their own language and teaching them to read is essential to establishing an indigenous Church.
Mission	Black	1902	5a, 98	It would be better to have a Black seminary to train men to preach the Gospel among their own people throughout the South.
Mission	Black	1950	41, 427	Unchurched Blacks will be eternally doomed unless they too have opportunity to hear and believe the saving Gospel.
Mission	blind	1979	53, 93a	Christ demonstrated His desire that people who are blind or visually impaired recognize Him as their Savior and Lord.
Mission	buildings	1920	9, 113	Experience teaches that many mission sites must be abandoned because no suitable meeting place can be found for worship.
Mission	call	1902	5a, 68	The Synod was called to mission in Brazil by a German pastor there who recognized the truth of our doctrine.

Mission	campus	1983	55, 136a	College campuses are a true mission field.
Mission	Catechism	1899	4c, 93	A mission can be nurtured only by intensive catechization.
Mission	Catechism	1920	9, 136	The Small Catechism was translated into Lithuanian for mission work among native speakers.
Mission	Christian	1902	5a, 24	Christians have the common call to serve the spread of the Gospel.
Mission	Christian	1965	46, 87b	A Christian is sent in mission whether in his neighborhood or away.
Mission	Christian	1971	49, 111b	Lutheran Christians are to be agents of reconciliation and ambassadors for Christ.
Mission	Church worker	1965	46, 191b	The Great Commission makes it imperative that the number of Church workers be increased substantially.
Mission	Church	1965	46, 80b	The Word bids Christians teach their fellow Christians all things whatsoever Christ commanded them.
Mission	Church	1969	48, 78a	The Church is God's mission to the Church.
Mission	Church	1969	48, 78a	The Church is God's mission to the whole world.
Mission	Church	1969	48, 80a	Mission is the very nature and function of the Church.
Mission	Church	1969	48, 80a	The Church is God's mission.
Mission	Church	1979	53, 92a	God's mission to make disciples includes gathering of people into the Church.
Mission	Church	1986	56, 139b	God wills that His Church seize every opportunity to give an uncompromising, yet winsome testimony to the Gospel.
Mission	city	1959	44, 159	The Church's program in changing urban communities requires an enlightened Christian social consciousness.
Mission	city	1971	49, 181a	The inner city may now be identified as a unique mission field.
Mission	command	1896	4b, 96	Christ commanded that the Gospel be preached to all creatures.

Mission	command	1953	42, 455	Christ gave His Church the command to preach the Gospel to all nations.
Mission	command	1953	42, 722	The Lutheran Hour accords with Christ's missionary command to go into all the world.
Mission	command	1967	47, 81a	Christ's command leads to mission responsibilities on both the home and world mission fields.
Mission	commanded	1866	2b, 79	Mission work has the command and promise of God.
Mission	concern	1971	49, 127b	The fulfillment of the Gospel mission must be the continual concern of the Church.
Mission	confession	1962	45, 154a	Synod confesses the abundant gifts of God and its own failure as coworkers with God to take every opportunity to spread the Gospel.
Mission	congregation	1953	42, 392	Each congregation should see itself as a center of mission activity, with the entire program geared to that objective.
Mission	congregation	1971	49, 111b	The congregation in mission is filled by the Spirit with a desire to witness and minister to people in all locations and circumstances.
Mission	congregation	1971	49, 112a	Congregations are strategically placed to minister to all persons and groupings in their parish.
Mission	consciousness	1935	14, 277	Districts should help develop a missionary and stewardship consciousness among their constituency.
Mission	cooperation	1902	5a, 75	It is the duty of the English mission to serve and support the German mission and vice versa.
Mission	cooperation	1977	52, 209b	1 Cor. 12 tells us we are all one body working together to fulfill the Great Commission.
Mission	cultures	1971	49, 110b	It is the mission of the Church to preach to all cultures without imposing cultural norms.
Mission	DCO	1992	58, 154	The director of Christian outreach provides a distinctive and specialized component of mission and ministry sorely needed to fulfill the Great Commission.
Mission	deaf	1979	53, 92b	Christ indicated His loving concern for people who are deaf or hearing impaired.
Mission	defined	1983	55, 136b	The very mission of our Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the only Savior of the world.
Mission	devil	1920	9, 143	The devil is the chief enemy of mission.

Mission	doctrine	1884	3d, 161	Only when our doctrine is pure does God give the promise that he will give us people and hearers who will receive it.
Mission	doctrine	1902	5a, 86	Pure doctrine attracts the heathen better than sectarian half-truths, because it is simple and clear.
Mission	duty	1857	1, 405	The Church has a duty to proclaim the Gospel to all people.
Mission	duty	1884	3d, 65	The Synod acknowledges its duty to encourage and help coordinate the mission work conducted by its districts and congregations.
Mission	duty	1887	3e, 63	Bringing the Gospel to the blacks and the Jews of this land does not remove our responsibility to the American Indians and the distant heathen.
Mission	duty	1887	3e, 63	Christians would bring tremendous guilt upon themselves by letting the heathen die without hearing God's Word.
Mission	duty	1887	3e, 65	God has given Christians the task to preach the Gospel to every creature.
Mission	duty	1893	4a, 81	The work of mission is entrusted to the entire Church.
Mission	duty	1899	4c, 64	It is a holy duty of love to contribute money to the Church's mission.
Mission	duty	1923	10, 119	By maintaining a missionary to the Jews, the Synod performs her duty to preach the Gospel to them.
Mission	duty	1935	14, 295	The spread of modernism among other Churches increases our missionary responsibility.
Mission	duty	1938	37, 168	The Synod has the duty to engage in world-wide mission-work.
Mission	duty	1956	43, 267	The Synod is obligated and encouraged to be active in preserving, observing, and spreading the Word of truth and life.
Mission	duty	1959	44, 301	We are debtors to the masses without the Gospel of Christ crucified.
Mission	education	1947	40, 361	Christians must be knowledgeable of mission fields in order to fulfill their duty in supporting mission work.
Mission	efficacy	1971	49, 108a	The mission of Christ is performed most effectively when Christians are united under the saving the

Word.

Mission	empowerment	1995	59, 145a	The Church has been entrusted with the Word and Sacraments for enabling persons to be rescued from the power of sin and empowered for living in newness of life.
Mission	encouragement	1896	4b, 92	The missionary can comfort himself with the knowledge that nothing is impossible for the grace and might of God.
Mission	equipping	1965	46, 154b	The Church's mission is more fully achieved when adults and youth are nurtured and equipped through the Word for the battle against unbelief.
Mission	equipping	1969	48, 132b	It is necessary to equip all members of Christ's body to be God's mission to His Church and world.
Mission	equipping	1977	52, 115a	Christ has commissioned and equipped His people to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.
Mission	evaluation	1923	10, 117	Jewish interest, perhaps itself a divine sign, is a sufficient reason to continue work among these people.
Mission	evangelism	1959	44, 160	Evangelism is an important task of the Church which must be constantly impressed on the people.
Mission	evangelism	1967	47, 84a	God has entrusted us with the message of salvation by His grace that we might be witnesses of his love.
Mission	example	1979	53, 96b	There are many examples of mission zeal in the Bible.
Mission	exclusiveness	1965	46, 93b	Exclusiveness in congregations hinders mission outreach at home and abroad.
Mission	expansion	1979	53, 88a	God is glorified when His kingdom is expanded through the gathering of people into His kingdom through the proclamation of the Gospel and Baptism.
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Mission	extension	1902	5a, 67	The Holy Spirit promises the fruit of the Gospel and the spread of the kingdom of God over the whole world.
Mission	families	1995	59, 145a	The Church has been entrusted with the Word and Sacraments for revealing God's image and will for male and female, for families, and for community life.

Mission	fellowship	1896	4b, 79f.	The Synod first examines the orthodoxy of non-Synodical pastors who desire to serve as missionaries for the Synod.
Mission	German	1874	3a, 66	The Synod has a particular God-given duty to assist German immigrants who come from Lutheran homes.
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Mission	goal	1899	4c, 79	Mission aims to make heathen into Christians through the Word of God and then to gather them into congregations.
Mission	God's	1902	5a, 107	Mission is God's activity for which He uses men as his instruments.
Mission	God's	1969	48, 132a	The Church is God's mission to His Church, to the whole world, and to man's whole self and society.
Mission	good work	1887	3e, 65	The best work is to bring heathen from idolatry to true knowledge of God.
Mission	Gospel	1938	37, 168	The Gospel is effective in mission work and its power assures us of success.
Mission	Gospel	1965	46, 87b	The mission of Church is based on and flows from the Gospel of Christ.
Mission	guilt	1887	3e, 64	When people do not turn to the Gospel which is available to them, it is their own fault; Christians are at fault when it is not available at all.
Mission	harvest	1979	53, 97b	God's Word declares that the spiritual harvest of souls is ripe and large.
Mission	holistic	1977	52, 204a	The Church is in mission and ministry to man in his totality.
Mission	honesty	1995	59, 125a	Basic Christian honesty and integrity require that no deception be used in declaring the truth of the Gospel before all the world.
Mission	hopeless	1920	9, 136	Since work among the Persians appeared completely hopeless, no candidate was called to that field.
Mission	immigration	1902	5a, 66	Immigration of our members requires us to establish new congregations in their new regions, lest they be lost to sects.

Mission	indication	1911	6, 109	The presence of a Finnish-speaking student at the seminary is an indication that the Synod should begin mission among the Finns.
Mission	inner	1908	5c, 121	Funds for Slovac, Polish, Estonian and Latvian Lutherans in the U.S. can be grouped into an "foreign-speaking inner mission account."
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Mission	inner	1920	9, 227	The Christian school is the most "inner" of all inner mission.
Mission	inner/outer	1902	5a, 109	Inner mission includes the children of Lutheran parents; outer mission reaches out to those in sects or complete unbelief.
Mission	inner/outer	1905	5b, 105	Although the inner mission has the greatest priority, the outer mission is strengthened in conjunction with the inner mission.
Mission	Jews	1887	3e, 24	Difficulties in mission do not remove our obligation to seek the lost sheep of Israel.
Mission	Jews	1893	4a, 90	Mission to the Jews is the hardest in the world and must be done with much fighting and disputation.
Mission	Jews	1896	4b, 92	Every Christian is a missionary to the Jews.
Mission	Jews	1911	6, 130	A particular mission to the Jews is necessary due to their particular way of being brought up, way of thinking, religious concepts and perspectives, and language.
Mission	Jews	1911	6, 130	Mission to Jews, as mission to the heathen, is a duty for Christians as demonstrated by Mt 28:19; Lk 24:47; Ac 13:46; Jn 4:22, 10:16; Ep 2,14; Ro 11:11, 18.
Mission	Jews	1950	41, 496	The Lord has a remnant for himself in the house of Israel.
Mission	laborers	1902	5a, 72	Pastors should encourage young people to enter the ministry, for the laborers are few.
Mission	languages	1890	3f, 26	Since Christ desires the Gospel to be preached in every language, every human language must be able to express the Gospel.
Mission	lay	1881	3c, 78	Every Christian serves as a missionary to the Jews in his daily life.

Mission	lay	1899	4c, 88	The Synod calls N. Friedmann to serve as missionary to the Jews in New York, where a room is rented for him to preach on Saturday evenings.
Mission	lay	1902	5a, 90	Mr. Stürken serves as missionary for the Synod in Baltimore to help immigrants arriving in the U.S.
Mission	lay	1908	5c, 105	The missionary in India works to equip youth to work as teachers and evangelists.
Mission	lay	1917	8, 7	Synodical mission work includes the aid of missionary helpers.
Mission	lay	1950	41, 394	Laymen played in important role in planting the Apostolic Church.
Mission	love	1902	5a, 68	Out of love for our neighbor we are driven to offer the preaching of the Gospel to people who have no congregations. (Brazilian mission)
Mission	mandate	1902	5a, 106	Christ commanded us to preach the Gospel to all creatures, including the deaf.
Mission	mandate	1905	5b, 104	The mission among the blacks is commanded by and pleasing to God.
Mission	mandate	1911	6, 172	God has commanded us to preach the Gospel to every creature. For this purpose we need preachers and organize seminaries.
Mission	mandate	1941	38, 191	Christ commanded the Church to preach the Gospel to all; Paul tells us to abound in the work of the Lord.
Mission	mandate	1947	40, 332	Jesus has not only commissioned the Church not only to evangelize all, but also to teach all to observe all that he commanded.
Mission	mandate	1956	43, 438	We have the high privilege and holy obligation to evangelize the world.
Mission	mandate	1959	44, 161	The Church was established with a mandate to preach the Gospel to every creature.
Mission	mandate	1962	45, 139b	Christ has commanded His Church to make disciples of all nations.
Mission	mandate	1965	46, 80a	Christ sent his disciples into the world to make disciples of all nations.
Mission	mandate	1969	48, 77a	God in the power of the Spirit has entrusted us with the message of salvation and commissioned us to be His witnesses.

Mission	mandate	1969	48, 83a	God has committed to His Church the proclamation of the Word through which the Holy Spirit works to bring people knowledge of salvation.
Mission	mandate	1971	49, 107b	In the Scriptures, Christ urges us to reach out to all the world with every means at our disposal.
Mission	mandate	1971	49, 108a	Christ commissioned all Christians to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creatures (Mark 16:15).
Mission	mandate	1977	52, 209a	Christ has given to His church on earth the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel (Matt. 28).
Mission	mandate	1979	53, 150a	The Savior commanded to preach the Gospel to everyone.
Mission	mandate	1979	53, 90b	The Lord of the Church has commissioned us to make disciples of all nations.
Mission	mandate	1979	53, 92a	It is God's will that the kingdom of God grow (Luke 13:6-9).
Mission	mandate	1979	53, 94b	God has called us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth.
Mission	mandate	1981	54, 131a	Our Lord has called us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth, commissioning us, "as the Father as sent me, I am sending you."
Mission	mandate	1981	54, 132a	The Great Commission in its full dimensions includes being disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 136b	Our Lord has commanded His people to make disciples of all nations.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 138b	The Great Commission includes being disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 141b	The Lord has commissioned us to bring the Gospel to all people.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 144a	The Great Commission was given to all baptized believers, regardless of age.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 148b	The Lord continues to call His Church to proclaim the Gospel to all people.
Mission	mandate	1983	55, 151a	The Great Commission of Christ is to bring the gospel message to the whole world.
Mission	mandate	1986	56, 119a	Christians have a role as His chosen sent ones to make disciples everywhere, to all nations.

Mission	mandate	1986	56, 120b	Our Lord has commissioned His disciples to be His witnesses, proclaiming His Gospel and serving as His ambassadors.
Mission	mandate	1986	56, 132a	Our Lord has commissioned us to "Go, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples."
Mission	mandate	1986	56, 161a	Our good and gracious God calls each person in Synod to tell the entire world that "The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost."
Mission	mandate	1989	57, 109a	The risen and ascended Lord has entrusted to His Church His glorious Gospel with the command that it be proclaimed to all people everywhere.
Mission	mandate	1989	57, 124b	The Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His Church to "Go and make disciples of all nations."
Mission	mandate	1989	57, 94a	The mission which our Lord presented to His Church is to "make disciples of all nations."
Mission	mandate	1989	57, 95b	The Lord of the Church has given us the mission to make disciples.
Mission	mandate	1992	58, 164b	Our Lord has commissioned His Church to make disciples of all nations.
Mission	mandate	1995	59, 105a	It is the will of the Lord that His people bear witness to Him to the ends of the earth beginning in the areas where they reside.
Mission	mandate	1995	59, 106b	The Lord of the harvest has commissioned His Church to go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and by teaching them.
Mission	mandate	1995	59, 147a	We, like those before us, are sent forth by God's Blessing to bring His message of salvation by grace through faith in the merits of Christ to all the world.
Mission	mandate	1998	60, 101a	The Lord of the Church calls His people to faith, sending them forth to witness to His grace and loving-kindness.
Mission	mandate	1998	60, 101b	The Lord of the harvest has called us to make disciples of all nations and has graciously promised to stay with us to accomplish this task.
Mission	mandate	1998	60, 105b	The Lord out of great love for all people has given us the Great Commission with the promise that He will be with us always.

Mission	means	1866	2b, 73	The Word of God is the only way to awaken zeal for missions.
Mission	means	1896	4b, 81f.	The single means to win the hearts of the heathen for Christ is the very Gospel which is foolishness to them.
Mission	means	1979	53, 92a	The growth of God's kingdom through the means of grace is extended through the planting of new Churches.
Mission	means	1979	53, 95a	God has called His people as instruments to become involved in every possible way in winning people to Jesus Christ.
Mission	means	1979	53, 95a	Supporting missionaries sent on our behalf is way for us to reach the unreached for Christ.
Mission	media	1967	47, 81b	The Church must assume responsibility to exercise Gospel ministry through mass media and to media personnel.
Mission	medical	1911	6, 127	While the Church is not directly assigned medical mission, it gives an example of Christian love and furthers the proclamation of the Gospel.
Mission	medical	1914	7, 37	Medical mission is an effective means for paving the way to many a heathen for the messenger of the saving Gospel.
Mission	medical	1950	41, 478	Medical missions please Christ, the Physician of body and soul.
Mission	medical	1965	46, 87b	Medical mission is an extension of our Lord's ministry of healing.
Mission	message	1995	59, 114a	Every congregation and every Christian has the obligation both to keep the message straight and to get the message out.
Mission	method	1989	57, 109a	The Church must seek to formulate its mission task in ways that are faithful to Scriptural and confessional doctrine and are sensitive to the changing world of today.
Mission	military	1920	9, 103	The commission for inner mission was given responsibility for the spiritual care of Lutheran soldiers on the Texan-Mexican boarder.
Mission	mode	1977	52, 209a	The Mission of the Lord is carried on through the proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and many services rendered by God's people.

Mission	money	1911	6, 114	God has enough funds to overflow our accounts, but he keeps them in need to keep us at prayer.
Mission	motive	1896	4b, 76	For the sake of the mercies of God, we should be constantly active in the prayers, offerings and service of inner mission.
Mission	motive	1911	6, 174	Lutherans should be more zealous for mission since we can be thankful God has given us the treasure of the pure doctrine.
Mission	motive	1917	8, 40	The Synod continues in its mission based on the Savior's promise and command.
Mission	motive	1947	40, 356	Gratitude for the pure Gospel should move us to work diligently against false Christs and false prophets.
Mission	motive	1947	40, 358	Gratitude for God's mercy should evidence itself in more fervent zeal in spreading the Gospel.
Mission	motive	1950	41, 426	A greater love and devotion to Christ will yield a more burning zeal for lost souls.
Mission	motive	1979	53, 96b	Study of God's Word motivates His people to personal involvement in carrying out the Great Commission.
Mission	motive	1986	56, 119a	Through Bible study, prayer, and worship services members are being motivated to share the Gospel.
Mission	need	1979	53, 89a	People are still living in spiritual darkness and in need of the Light, Jesus Christ.
Mission	objective	1950	41, 448	In Europe, the objective is to build a self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Church.
Mission	opportunity	1914	7, 32	Work among foreign-speaking Lutherans in the U.S. presents the greatest opportunity for Mission.
Mission	opportunity	1947	40, 359	We owe it to the Lord, to ourselves and our children to use every opportunity and facility in these last evil days.
Mission	opportunity	1969	48, 132b	God graciously gives each generation its own opportunities to communicate the Gospel to the people of its time.
Mission	organization	1908	5c, 107	Without doubt it is harmful to the building of the Kingdom of God that English-speaking Lutheran churches of different Synods work in the same field.
Mission	orthodox	1902	5a, 20	The circuit preachers need to be especially well grounded in true doctrine because they often

				encounter Romanists, Lodges, sects and false Lutherans.
Mission	personal	1941	38, 149	Synodical educational agencies should be utilized for programs of personal mission-work.
Mission	prayer	1887	3e, 64	We should pray to God to awaken the gifts among us which are necessary for mission work.
Mission	prayer	1893	4a, 21	The insufficient number of pastors and teachers should move us to ask God for laborers for his harvest.
Mission	prayer	1902	5a, 85	Prayer is more important than money for the support of Christian mission.
Mission	prayer	1950	41, 497	Christ bids us and the Apostles remind us to pray for mission work.
Mission	prayer	1953	42, 394	The Lord invites us to pray for laborers and has promised to hear and answer our prayers.
Mission	prayer	1953	42, 641	Every Christian earnestly desires and fervently prays for the progress of the Savior's kingdom.
Mission	prayer	1995	59, 105b	The work of mission outreach requires the prayers and efforts of all God's people.
Mission	primary	1981	54, 131a	The primary mission of the Church is to spread the Gospel to all the world.
Mission	priority	1890	3f, 24	Christians should not value meeting a neighbor's physical needs over meeting his spiritual needs.
Mission	priority	1890	3f, 24	Our greatest responsibility from God is inner mission, the care of our own churches and our brothers in the faith.
Mission	priority	1890	3f, 65	The main mission work which God has given to the Synod is doubtless the inner mission.
Mission	priority	1893	4a, 22	Above all God has given the Synod the responsibility of inner mission, i.e., caring for its own congregations.
Mission	priority	1893	4a, 82	The work of inner mission is the first and most important mission work of the Synod (note: inner mission includes work among the Germans of Brazil).
Mission	priority	1896	4b, 76	The work of inner mission is the central work which we have been given to strengthen the kingdom of God.
Mission	priority	1938	37, 149	Mission-work is the primary business of the Church.

Mission	priority	1962	45, 95b	The Lord has charged the Church with a prime concern for evangelizing all the world.
Mission	priority	1971	49, 112b	The mission mandate of Christ must occupy the highest priority in planning and money must serve an enabling role.
Mission	priority	1977	52, 182a	The Great Commission must have a high priority on all levels of Church life, including the youth.
Mission	priority	1986	56, 121a	The United States is one of the largest and most important world mission fields.
Mission	priority	1989	57, 109a	The mission of God remains for Christians of every age a task of great urgency, to be carried out with confidence and joy.
Mission	prison	1944	39, 394	Christ commands to preach to those in prison, including prisoners of war.
Mission	progress	1911	6, 122	Mission matures as natives are equipped to preach the Gospel to their own race.
Mission	progress	1932	13, 117	Despite the economic depression, the undeserved blessing of God continues to bring the Gospel to light in dark places.
Mission	promise	1911	6, 121	Matthew 24:14 promises that the Gospel will be proclaimed in all lands.
Mission	race	1983	55, 148b	The Lord challenges His Church to proclaim the Gospel to people of different races and cultures.
Mission	radio	1926	11, 240	Radio provides the greatest single means of doing mission work.
Mission	radio	1929	12, 203	Radio is a God-given means to reach countless homes with the message of sin and grace.
Mission	radio	1938	37, 335	The broadcast of the Gospel has been an invaluable aid to mission efforts and brought much fruit.
Mission	radio	1969	48, 155a	God has granted the miracle of radio as a powerful medium for proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world.
Mission	resources	1979	53, 97a	The extension of God's kingdom requires that all the talent and resources bestowed on the Church be harnessed for this great task.
Mission	responsible	1956	43, 757	The Church will measure its task in the light of the Lord's imminent return, when it will be held accountable.

Mission	results	1896	4b, 81	The conversion of men does not rest in our hands but in the hands of God.
Mission	results	1905	5b, 78	Mission serves to glorify God and assist the neighbor in both spiritual and physical needs.
Mission	retention	1989	57, 99b	Conservation of souls is important in the work of the kingdom.
Mission	Rome	1920	9, 123	The Brazilian mission has begun to bring the Gospel to those lost in the darkness of Romanism and superstition.
Mission	Rome	1920	9, 136	The Synod conducted mission among Poles, whether affiliated with the Roman Church or not.
Mission	Rome	1920	9, 140	A mission was maintained among the Menominee Indians not only for the sake of the Lutherans there, but also for dissatisfied members of the Roman Church.
Mission	Sacrament	1989	57, 111a	Great care must be exercised in carrying out the Great Commission so that people not be deprived of Word and Sacrament when no pastor is available.
Mission	school	1944	39, 135	The day school is the most effective missionary agency of the Lutheran Church.
Mission	scope	1953	42, 392	Many nominal members of other Churches are mission prospects to our Church.
Mission	scope	1962	45, 91b	The Church must be established where people have not been reached by the Gospel.
Mission	scope	1979	53, 89b	Our mission is to assist partner Churches as they reach people within and beyond their cultural and social sphere and across geographic boundaries.
Mission	scope	1989	57, 98b	Our mission of making disciples is to all nations, including both Jews and Gentiles.
Mission	sects	1905	5b, 108	When the sects show such zeal for mission, we who have the pure Word of God should all the more proclaim it.
Mission	seminary	1905	5b, 73	The mission in India recognizes the need for a seminary to train native workers to help in the mission.
Mission	sheepstealing	1905	5b, 85	Our missionaries must work so as not to give the impression that they are infringing on another's office.
Mission	statement	1998	60, 101a	A mission statement gives a Church body the opportunity to express its purpose succinctly in a way

				reflective of its theology.
Mission	statistics	1920	9, 8	In the kingdom of God one should not evaluate success by numbers.
Mission	stewardship	1887	3e, 24	Next to supporting one's own congregation and the seminaries, the Christian's duty is to support mission, especially to those who had the Word and have lost it.
Mission	stewardship	1926	11, 218	Deficits hinder the Synod from taking advantage of God-given opportunities to extend the Kingdom with the Gospel.
Mission	strategy	1911	6, 130f.	A native of a group knows best how to proclaim the Gospel to them. He also is often very zealous to win his own. A non-native (especially among Jews) would be a strong witness of Christian love for others.
Mission	strategy	1911	6, 132	The Synodical missionary to the Jews provides <i>Missionsgottesdienste</i> , which draw crowds of Jews (worship service); he also distributes tracts and books and teaches classes, privately and publicly.
Mission	strategy	1914	7, 51	Experience has shown that a mission is sometimes greatly strengthened through receiving a loan to build a school or a parsonage.
Mission	strategy	1920	9, 124	Native preachers better understand the language and customs of the people and are better received than foreigners.
Mission	strategy	1962	45, 91a	Strengthening the believer and the community of saints is basic for the mission of the Church.
Mission	strategy	1995	59, 106a	The apostle Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, used the movement from city to city as his mission strategy.
Mission	strategy	1998	60, 110b	Paul's first mission strategy was an urban strategy of planting and strengthening Churches in the cities.
Mission	student	1995	59, 106b	Foreign students in the U.S., when brought to faith by the power of the Spirit, make natural and effective missionaries upon their return home.
Mission	success	1860	1b, 69	The Church does not engage in mission for the sake of visible fruits, but because of the command of God.
Mission	success	1899	4c, 77	Mission work is an activity of faith; the fruits and success cannot come from our work, but only from

				the hand of God.
Mission	success	1911	6, 171f.	God increases our mission work through his blessing. The work we do is the work of God, our Savior.
Mission	Synod	1935	14, 235	Under God's guidance, the Synod has been a potent factor in building the kingdom of God.
Mission	Synod	1962	45, 157b	The essential mission of the Synod is to proclaim the Gospel clearly and persuasively.
Mission	task	1902	5a, 86	Lutheran mission offers the full truth to heathen, also in those areas where other sectarian missions are active.
Mission	technology	1935	14, 295	God wills that we use every legitimate means for communicating the Gospel (printing, radio).
Mission	technology	1986	56, 161a	The Great Commission requires that we use the latest communications technologies available.
Mission	television	1953	42, 721	The new field of television promised to be fruitful in winning souls and adding new members to the Church.
Mission	U.S.	1986	56, 119a	The United States is one of the largest mission fields in the world.
Mission	U.S.	1995	59, 106a	The U.S. is a cross-cultural mission field.
Mission	unity	1969	48, 78a	The lack of Christian unity adversely affects witness to non-Christians and to other Christians.
Mission	unity	1969	48, 80a	Christ desires that His Church be one in fact and action and that Christians manifest this unity by working together to advance His mission.
Mission	unity	1969	48, 80a	Christians must understand themselves related to one Head and to each other in the fulfillment of mission in their area.
Mission	universal	1977	52, 186b	Our heavenly Father has commanded His people to communicate the message of salvation to all.
Mission	universal	1977	52, 199a	The Church seeks to advance the Gospel everywhere and in every way to the fullest possible extent.
Mission	universal	1983	55, 157a	The Gospel must be proclaimed to all people, including Jews no more and no less than to others.
Mission	university	1947	40, 336	Educational institutions are a foremost mission field.

Mission	university	1959	44, 171	The great commission includes penetrating the university world with the Gospel.
Mission	urban	1956	43, 384	Congregations in "blighted areas" should reach out rather than move out.
Mission	urgency	1962	45, 156a	Synod recognizes the urgency of Christ's commission to evangelize the world.
Mission	urgency	1965	46, 192b	The same Jesus who send us into mission warns that he is coming quickly.
Mission	vision	1989	57, 95b	The vision of ministry to the world begins at the local level.
Mission	workers	1981	54, 183b	Trained Church workers are a crucial element in God's strategy of bringing the Gospel and a new life in Christ to people.
Mission	workers	1986	56, 161a	The Great Commission requires that we train full-time church workers well.
Mission	world	1878	3b, 37	On account of love we help all to the truth and desire all to be united with us in pure doctrine.
Mission	world	1887	3e, 65	To preach the Gospel to the whole world includes all people everywhere.
Mission	world	1971	49, 103b	Scriptures call God's people to share the Good News of reconciliation in Christ with the whole world.
Mission	world	1971	49, 111b	The Synod is in mission to the entire world.
Mission	youth	1986	56, 133a	Young people are effective in the mission and ministry of the Church.
Mission	zeal	1905	5b, 105	The mission among the blacks must not be daunted even though the Antichrist and the sects are active among them.
Mission	zeal	1938	37, 147	Lack of information is the cause of much indifference toward missions.
Mission	zeal	1944	39, 166	Missionary zeal is intensified only through the preaching of the Gospel.
Mission	zeal	1956	43, 438	We can accept the mission challenge of Christ only in so far as we dedicate ourselves to his cause.
Missionary	All Baptized	1965	46, 81b	Every Christian is a commissioned missionary through baptism.
Missionary	extension	1983	55, 136b	The missionary in his field of work is an extension of the congregation.

Missionary	gift	1969	48, 84a	Dedicated and capable men who serve on the Board of Missions and as missionaries are God's gifts to the Church.
Missionary	office	1848	1, 52	Discussion of whether the Synod can call a man to do mission work by Word and Sacrament.
Missionary	office	1857	1, 407	The Synod should extend a call directly to missionaries so they can administer Word and Sacrament without attending to the needs of a congregation as well.
Missionary	pastors	1902	5a, 21	Circuit preachers should be replaced by congregational pastors as quickly as possible, so they can exercise private pastoral care and instruction of the youth.
Missions	purpose	1983	55, 136b	Synod supports missionaries in order to share God's love in Christ with people.
Missions	support	1941	38, 207	Mission stations should learn to support the Lord's work in their midst.
Money	love	1869	2c, 83	Christian love may at times require that borrowed money not be returned. The standard of love is higher than that of justice, which every person should exercise.
Money	success	1869	2c, 81	God alone gives financial success according to his will.
Money	uncertainty	1869	2c, 77	Financial loss is often not directly related to personal sin. It comes according to the mystery of God's will.
Money	uncertainty	1869	2c, 77	God makes financial profit uncertain for the sake of showing that he alone is God.
Morality	addressed	1998	60, 106b	Synod, Districts, and congregations should address moral issues such as pornography, gambling, and violence.
Morality	attitude	1902	5a, 36	Christian morality consists primarily in despising this world and focusing on what is above.
Morality	Christian	1962	45, 119b	The world of entertainment and the arts shows disregard for Christian moral standards.
Morality	decay	1962	45, 119b	Moral decay leads to individual and national ruin.
Morality	decline	1969	48, 140a	The exploitation of violence and sex in the media is causing a decline in moral standards.
Murder	abortion	1989	57, 115b	As persons the unborn stand under the full protection of God's prohibition against murder.

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Music	seminarians	1874	3a, 49f.	A pastor should be able to lead his congregation in singing.
Music	standards	1852	1, 220	The history of and objections to the use of rhythmic music should be published.
Nation	morality	1986	56, 134b	The Bible speaks to the morality of nations.
Nation	repentance	1986	56, 135a	God calls His people to repent of wickedness, to come to Him for the healing of the their nation.
Nationalism	Black	1967	47, 131b	The spirit of Black Nationalism is making Church ministry to blacks more difficult.
Nations	boundaries	1998	60, 102a	God determines where every nation shall live
Needs	response	1986	56, 209a	Synod is determined to follow the example of Christ in ministering to total human need.
Needy	response	1998	60, 142a	Compassion calls the Church to respond to the plight of the needy.
New Measures	rejected	1899	4c, 29	The New Measures are all means besides the Word of God by which the Church tries to bring about and sustain faith.
Non-Christian	groups	1992	58, 104a	Muslims, Hindus, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and New Age groups are listed as non-Christian.
Nurture	home	1962	45, 120b	The influence of the home is vital for effective Christian nurture throughout life.
Nurture	individual	1962	45, 120b	The family and the Church have been charged with the nurture of the individual.
Oaths	forbidden	1853	1, 271	Lodge oaths promised on one's honor are forbidden by Scripture.
Office	.cf., pastor			
Office	call	1848	1, 45	At the transfer of the Ft. Wayne seminary to the Synod, the previous calls of the professors remain in force.
Office	call	1849	1, 97 f	No immediate call into the ministry will ever occur again.
Office	call	1851	1, 182	A call is valid due to the children of God hidden in a congregation, even if only babes.

Office	call	1863	2a, 37	A pastor may not command or forbid a congregation to call a certain man.
Office	call	1863	2a, 54	A pastor who substitutes for another in his congregation performs the duties of the congregation's pastor not because the first is a pastor but because of the second pastor's approval (transfer of the call).
Office	call	1872	2d, 84	The divine call is a great comfort to pastors in tribulation.
Office	call	1872	2d, 85	Pastors, like doctors, should happily find themselves among the sick, those who desperately need their aid.
Office	call	1881	3c, 68	If the general president of the Synod did not have a call from a specific congregation, he would be just like a seminary candidate.
Office	difficulty	1899	4c, 38	The proper, patient and salutary exercise of the preaching office is a very difficult and never ending task.
Office	dual	1863	2a, 37	A second pastor called to a congregation is also the confessor (<i>Seelsorger</i>) of the first pastor.
Office	dual	1863	2a, 37	If a congregation calls an assistant pastor without the approval of the first pastor, the call is void.
Office	duty	1863	2a, 62	It is the pastor's duty to endure the people's errors with patience and to teach them to the truth.
Office	education	1863	2a, 21	When young, unprepared men are made pastors, they suffer the guilt of unwittingly harming their congregations.
Office	equality	1896	4b, 43f.	All who have the office of the ministry have the same authority.
Office	fitness	1881	3c, 31	Those who acknowledge enemies of the Lutheran Confession as brothers are unfit to be pastors in the Lutheran Church.
Office	functions	1977	52, 138b	Nobody should preach publicly in the Church or administer the Sacraments unless he is regularly called.
Office	functions	1983	55, 178b	Many functions are involved in the office--preaching, sacramental, counseling, educational, evangelistic, administrative, helping physical needs.

Office	functions	1989	57, 111a	Except in exceptional circumstances or in emergencies, the distinctive functions of the pastoral office are to be carried out only by those who have received a regular call.
Office	functions	1989	57, 118b	The distinct functions of preaching, leading worship, administration of the sacraments, and administration of the office of the keys should be exercised by a pastor.
Office	honor	1852	1, 204	The glory and authority of a pastor is to proclaim God's Word publicly.
Office	honor	1896	4b, 41	Preachers possess the highest office of the Church.
Office	honor	1923	10, 140	The pastoral office is and remains the highest office of the Church.
Office	hypocrites	1866	2b, 72	When hypocrites preach the Word, they are the mouth of the Church, though not themselves in the Church.
Office	inner call	1896	4b, 94	Mr. Friedmann felt an inner call to bring the Gospel to his fellow Jews. This was an indication that God desired to use him so.
Office	institution	1852	1, 204 f	Christ instituted the office for the public administration of the common office of Christians.
Office	institution	1863	2a, 36	The holy office is a gift of God, also to give counsel in matters of the holy call.
Office	institution	1893	4a, 41	The preaching office is the single office in the Church instituted by God.
Office	institution	1983	55, 178b	Christ has established in His Church on earth the office of the public ministry.
Office	institution	1989	57, 121a	The office of the public ministry is instituted by God and filled by those called to serve as pastors in congregations.
Office	justification	1860	1b, 18 f	The proclamation of the Gospel is primary message entrusted to the pastor.
Office	languages	1896	4b, 25	Knowledge of the Biblical languages belongs to a full preparation for the pastoral office.
Office	lay	1852	1, 202	There is no other office but that which all Christians have in common.
Office	Löhe	1863	2a, 39	Löhe falsely rejects a congregation's right to call a pastor.
Office	one	1983	55, 179a	All the functions of office of the ministry belong to the one office, though performed to a greater or

				lesser degree.
Office	one	1989	57, 111a	Scriptures and the Confessions teach that there is only one divinely instituted office in the church, the Office of the Public Ministry, commonly referred to as pastor.
Office	origin	1893	4a, 40	According to Christ's command, Christians call fit persons into the preaching office which they all possess (<i>Übertragsungslehre</i>).
Office	oversight	1893	4a, 50	The Pastor especially has the responsibility to make sure that the congregation is putting the Word of God into practice.
Office	preaching	1863	2a, 55	The administration of the sacraments and private absolution presupposes pastors perform them, preaching does not.
Office	preparation	1908	5c, 30	God has committed to the Church the task of preparing men for the office of the ministry. Satan hates this work and fights against it.
Office	presidents	1881	3c, 44	The district presidents attend their position as defenders of pure teaching as the Word of God requires them.
Office	professors	1863	2a, 54	Because of the present confusion about the office, seminary professors should not ordain, baptize, or speak absolution.
Office	purpose	1890	3f, 30	The seminaries prepare pastors who preach the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.
Office	purpose	1983	55, 203b	The Lord has instituted the holy ministry to equip and sustain each member of the Church to carry out his responsibility of love and service.
Office	qualifications	1989	57, 121a	Scripture enjoins careful attention to suitable qualifications before the Church appoints or calls a man to fill the office.
Office	removal	1860	1b, 28	Sexual sins are cause for removal of office (first official case in the Synod).
Office	removal	1887	3e, 87	When a man has made himself unworthy of the holy preaching office, he should never again be entrusted with it.
Office	sacraments	1863	2a, 55	The administration of the sacraments and private absolution presupposes pastors perform them, preaching does not.

Office	salary	1899	4c, 120	The principles of love and justice require that Church workers be properly paid.
Office	seminarians	1902	5a, 102	Seminary student Biegenger serves as missionary pastor among the Indians for over one year.
Office	servant	1872	2d, 80ff	A pastor serves his congregation, he does not rule over them.
Office	teachers	1853	1, 234	Categories of Synodical members are those who administer the holy preaching office, seminary professors and teachers of school.
Office	transferral	1872	2d, 83ff	Pastors and teachers should not look for a better call or accept calls without counsel.
Office	transferral	1872	2d, 84	Reasons not to seek another call: health, the cross, opposition.
Office	worker priest	1920	9, 135f	Rev. Klemmer continued to serve a difficult mission field while supporting himself as a mechanic. It would be preferable for him to devote his full time to the mission.
Officers	pledge	1979	53, 138b	All elected officers of Synod pledge to adhere to the doctrine and practice of Synod outlined in its constitution and bylaws.
Offices	auxiliary	1896	4b, 40	The congregation may establish auxiliary offices to the preaching office, but these too only rule with the Word.
Old Testament	revelations	1965	46, 100b	The Old Testament has many revelations of the Messiah and of His salvation, which become progressively fuller and clearer.
Ordination	practiced	1863	2a, 52	A pastor who does not desire ordination when it is offered is to be considered an enthusiast.
Ordination	qualification	1866	2b, 74	The Synod should not allow need to compel her to ordain unfit men.
Ordination	succession	1863	2a, 53	The Roman teaching of Apostolic succession is a devilish teaching which robs Christians of certainty of forgiveness.
Ordination	vicar	1860	1b, 33	Candidate Bartling is ordained and installed as a vicar to Pastor Brauer.
Ordination	vow	1969	48, 114b	A periodic renewal of one's ordination vow would call the nature of the vow into question.
Organ	donation	1981	54, 204a	Organ donation provides the opportunity to help others out of love for Christ.

Organizations	anti-Christian	1995	59, 124a	Association with fraternal organizations whose tenets and practices are inimical to the Gospel of Christ and the faith and life of the Church is a matter of pastoral concern.
Papacy	believers	1902	5a, 32	Believers in the Roman Church reject their teaching of works and trust in Christ alone as their Redeemer.
Papacy	deceitful	1902	5a, 32	The papacy leads many to hell by encouraging them to trust their own works or the works of the saints.
Papacy	enemy	1866	2b, 86	More than all sects put together, the papacy is the enemy of the Missouri Synod.
Parents	authority	1896	4b, 36	Parents have the authority to command their children to do things which are not counter to the Word of God.
Parents	duty	1956	43, 322	Parents have the essential spiritual task of training their children.
Parents	mission	1953	42, 271	Parents have a mission to teach their children.
Pastor	.cf., office, <i>Predigtamt</i>			
Pastor	accountable	1881	3c, 19	God will hold pastors accountable for the conditions of their congregations.
Pastor	accountable	1998	60, 116b	Pastors are accountable to God for their hearers.
Pastor	ambassadors	1969	48, 143b	Pastors are called to be God's ambassadors, proclaiming his Gospel of redemption.
Pastor	call	1977	52, 204a	Pastors are called into parishes to equip the Church and its people through the Word for every work that is good.
Pastor	care	1998	60, 138b	Word and Sacrament ministry has always been and remains the focus of pastoral care.
Pastor	congregation	1992	58, 114b	God exhorts pastors and congregations to serve one another in their respective responsibilities.
Pastor	defender	1920	9, 232	The pastor, as first servant in the Church, has the duty to defend the flock against the wolves which would slander her.
Pastor	election	1998	60, 121a	Pastors ought never be imposed on congregations because the relationship of shepherd to sheep is

				protected only as long as congregations have the right to choose their own pastor.
Pastor	God-ordained	1935	14, 100	Pastors are the God-ordained shepherds of the lambs of Christ.
Pastor	institutions	1884	3d, 26	Pastors should not be called out of effective congregational work to serve charitable institutions.
Pastor	laity	1986	56, 153a	Pastors and laity are in creative partnership.
Pastor	life	1872	2d, 75	Pastors must confirm their preaching with their lifestyle, they are examples to their congregation.
Pastor	missionary	1920	9, 79	Experience teaches that constant change in personnel only works for the disadvantage of a mission.
Pastor	oversight	1981	54, 178b	Pastoral responsibilities for sunbelt visitors should be focused in one congregation
Pastor	pay	1893	4a, 135	Servants of the word should receive provision for their daily from through their service.
Pastor	pay	1923	10, 179	Pastors have a right to pay as long as they serve a congregation.
Pastor	pay	1923	10, 97	A congregation, even a mission, has the right and duty to support their own pastors.
Pastor	placement	1981	54, 209a	Black candidates should be placed and received on the basis of Christian character and personal ability.
Pastor	removal	1923	10, 223	Slandering fellow pastors is sufficient cause for removal from the pastoral office.
Pastor	removal	1956	43, 490	Scripture allows three reasons for disposing a pastor: teaching false doctrine, offensive conduct, and willful neglect of duties.
Pastor	retirement	1872	2d, 108	Congregations are duty-bound to care for pastors who have been overcome by the weakness of old age. Whoever helps them helps Jesus.
Pastor	retirement	1923	10, 179	The Church is responsible for providing for retired pastors.
Pastor	sin	1872	2d, 85	A shameful life of a pastor is a double sin, for it also brings shame to the Gospel.
Pastor	standards	1983	55, 203b	The privilege of service in the pastoral office requires much in terms of intellectual and spiritual maturity, responsibility, insight, and emotional strength.

Pastor	stewardship	1956	43, 371	Good stewardship may lead to the amalgamation and discontinuation of parishes in order to conserve manpower.
Pastor	support	1938	37, 316	The Church should materially support elderly pastors and their dependents.
Pastor	training	1983	55, 203b	One who aspires to the office of pastor needs training so that he will demonstrate the necessary character, personality, and specialized skills required for that office.
Pastor	transferral	1911	6, 186	A district did not act carelessly in accepting pastors from another, reorganizing synod. The events occurred publicly and no fault was found in the pastors' life and doctrine.
Pastor	wife	1872	2d, 85	The pastor sins who does not choose a Christian wife with a godly walk.
Pastor	witness	1962	45, 108b	Ministers are obliged to give a clear witness to the grace and glory of God by responsibly representing our Savior, the Scriptures, and our Synod.
Pastoral care	lodge members	1947	40, 473	It would be legalistic to define what entails "procrastination" in dealing with a lodge member.
Pastoral care	supervision	1929	12, 82	Souls are lost to our Church because pastors fail to inform each other of parishioners who have moved to their area.
Pastors	behavior	1998	60, 116a	Scriptures instruct pastors regarding their conduct toward their hearers.
Peace	imperative	1983	55, 156a	It is imperative for the Christian citizen to work together with all men of goodwill for the limitation of arms and the expansion of conditions of peace.
Peace	world	1983	55, 155b	It is God's desire that all people of the world live in peace with one another.
Peacemakers	Christians	1983	55, 155b	Christians are called to be peacemakers and reconcilers in the world.
Persecution	prison	1998	60, 141a	Scripture commands us to remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners.
Physicians	life	1995	59, 141b	Physicians have a responsibility to sustain and promote life.
Piety	apathy	1881	3c, 18	Where spiritual apathy sets in, the people fall into Pharasaic works-righteousness or Sadducean worldliness.
Piety	books	1884	3d, 22	It is enough to expect the congregation members to read the Bible, a prayer book, a postile, and the

				Synodical newspaper.
Politics	Church	1981	54, 206a	The Church has neither adequate knowledge nor divine mandate to make a judgment on political decisions.
Politics	party member	1911	6, 189	The question whether Christians may be Socialists involves purely political matters which do not belong in the forum of the Synod.
Polity	authority	1893	4a, 26	The desire for fully external uniformity and unified government has done much to support the domination of the Church by the Antichrist and civil governments.
Polity	collegialism	1971	49, 161b	The collegial structure is incompatible with a Church body whose purpose is to serve, not rule, the congregation.
Polity	congregational	1989	57, 125b	The polity of the Synod provides for congregational autonomy.
Polity	false	1896	4b, 45	Those who insist on a hierarchy with law-giving authority do so because they don't believe the Word alone can order the Church.
Polity	false	1896	4b, 45	Wrong polity rules most of Christendom because the flesh desires to rule.
Polity	proper	1896	4b, 46	A true Church polity will allow the Word to rule for the glory of Christ, for the honor of all Christians, for the use of all gifts.
Polity	Synodical	1967	47, 162a	Synod has a congregational form of Church government.
Pope	Antichrist	1860	1b, 21	The pope is the anti-Christ, the archenemy of the Lutheran Church.
Pope	Antichrist	1896	4b, 34	The Pope answers the description of the Antichrist in 2 Thes.
Pope	claims	1896	4b, 34	The Pope claims to be the head of Christendom; he attempts to rule the Church with his own commands.
Pope	disorder	1896	4b, 37	Those who attempt to rule the Church through man-made commands bring disorder to the Church of God.
Pornography	corrupting	1969	48, 140a	Pornography, nudism, and perversions are corrupting especially the minds of young people.

Pornography	sin	1989	57, 105b	The pornography, violence, obscenity, and indecency that permeate the media and everyday life are contrary to God's will and demeaning to all human life.
Poverty	duty	1971	49, 193b	It is a Christian responsibility to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and house the homeless.
Practice	diversity	1967	47, 102b	Diversity of practice are best understood and agreement better developed when Christians are united in the work of the Lord under Word and Sacraments.
Practice	doctrine	1950	41, 586	The practice of the Church must agree with the doctrine.
Practice	liberty	1971	49, 127b	The Church has liberty to determine its practices according to Scriptural acceptable means that seem necessary to meet its responsibilities.
Practice	order	1947	40, 517	God's Word demands that all be done decently and in order, without confusion or offense.
Practice	uniform	1977	52, 133a	Good order and uniformity of practice are important factors in life together as a Synod.
Practice	uniform	1983	55, 149b	Synod encourages congregations to strive for uniformity in Church practice.
Practice	uniform	1989	57, 149a	Synod commits itself to encourage congregations to strive for uniformity in Church practice.
Prayer	fellowship	1881	3c, 30f	Although we neither damn nor anathematize those not in fellowship with us, we cannot pray with them. We must part ways.
Prayer	fervor	1935	14, 307	Christians should pray for needed blessings with the same fervor which characterizes all true prayer.
Prayer	for dead	1967	47, 93b	The Lutheran Confessions do not teach that we should pray for the benefit of the souls of the dead.
Prayer	for dead	1967	47, 94a	The Explanation of the Small Catechism reflects the Confessions in rejecting prayers for the dead.
Prayer	general	1935	14, 307	The General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer fully present the material and spiritual needs of the Church and the State.
Prayer	liturgical	1850	1, 144	Liturgical prayers help ward off enthusiasm.
Prayer	peace	1956	43, 748	In the unsearchable ways of God, our prayers for peace have not yet been fully granted in our time.
Prayer	persecution	1998	60, 141a	Members should encourage each other to follow the early Church and pray without ceasing for those

				suffering persecution because of their faithfulness to Jesus.
Prayer	priority	1908	5c, 25	The course of the Gospel in the world should be the chief concern of our prayer (explained in connection with the Lord's Prayer).
Preaching	audience	1872	2d, 78	The preacher of a small congregation must remember that the angels and God himself also hear his sermons.
Preaching	conscience	1857	1, 334	The content of preaching is necessarily those things of which a Christian is convinced from God's Word, which the preacher lays on the hearer's conscience. Opinions are excluded.
Preaching	educational	1959	44, 222	The sermon should be one of the most important means of Christian education.
Preaching	Law & Gospel	1872	2d, 79	Preachers must not shy away from the law, but must also let the Gospel predominate.
Preaching	office	1872	2d, 79	Preaching is the main task of the pastor.
Preaching	power	1872	2d, 78ff	The power of God's word in preaching can indeed be hindered by improper preparation and delivery by the pastor.
Preaching	<i>Predigtamt</i>	1860	1b, 44	" <i>Predigtamt</i> " is God's arrangement that the Gospel be proclaimed so its treasures are offered.
Predestination	double	1893	4a, 35	We reject double predestination.
<i>Predigtamt</i>	definition	1863	2a, 34	Pastors, as opposed to their hearers, hold the <i>Predigtamt</i> .
<i>Predigtamt</i>	definition	1866	2b, 69	" <i>Predigtamt</i> " is not the pastor's office but the office of the Word, however it comes to us.
Prejudice	employment	1967	47, 151b	The Synod decries discrimination wherever it occurs.
Prejudice	housing	1967	47, 150a	Discrimination in housing denies fundamental freedoms and frustrates legitimate ambitions.
Prejudice	rejected	1967	47, 150a	Christians citizens should work for the elimination of discrimination wherever it may exist.
President	authority	1893	4a, 25	Apostolic scripture and example support the polity that the president of the Synod have only the power of advising and admonishing.
President	District	1920	9, 95	District Presidents are responsible for the oversight of the doctrine, life, and administration of office

				of the preachers and teachers in their districts.
President	District	1995	59, 152b	District Presidents supervise the doctrine, life, and administration on the part of ministers, as well as the spiritual conditions of congregations.
Priesthood	Christian	1950	41, 487	Every Christian is a priest with specific priesthood obligations.
Priesthood	laity	1953	42, 648	Our laity must be encouraged and given every opportunity to execute its right of the royal priesthood.
Procedure	love	1950	41, 663	Brethren dishonor God and sin against the law of love when they do not follow proper procedure.
Procedure	protest	1950	41, 662	Rev. Koch, who protested a nomination for vice-president, was asked to apologize for transgressing Christian charity and brotherly procedure.
Professors	incompetent	1941	38, 106	Incompetent professors should be removed in accordance with Christian courage and charity.
Professors	jurisdiction	1971	49, 128b	Pastor and teacher faculty members are placed under ecclesiastical jurisdiction just as other pastors and teachers.
Professors	reputation	1967	47, 96a	The theological reputation of professors should not be unjustifiably questioned.
Professors	significance	1950	41, 341	The responsibility of training pastors and teachers calls for the best talent of the Church.
Promise Keepers	practices	1998	60, 123a	Some practices of Promise Keepers are not in agreement with Scripture or the Lutheran Confessions.
Propagation	sinful	1998	60, 120a	Not all means of propagation are in and of themselves God-pleasing.
Property	coveting	1969	48, 147b	The problem of fallen man is not but possession of property but coveting it and making it an idol.
Property	value	1969	48, 147b	Though people are more important than property, property is also a gift of God to people to be used to His glory.
Prophecy	fulfillment	1947	40, 359	The chaotic conditions of the world are fulfilling the words of Jesus about the last time.
Prophecy	fulfillment	1965	46, 100b	The New Testament Gospel of Christ affirms the fulfillment of the prophecies of the coming Savior.
Prophecy	fulfillment	1969	48, 86b	It is desirable to present the harmony of Old Testament prophecy and New Testament fulfillment as clearly as possible.

Protestantism	fallen	1893	4a, 48	Most of Protestantism has fallen away from the article of justification by faith.
Psychology	pastoral	1998	60, 138b	Psychology and therapy can be useful tools in pastoral care.
Psychology	Word of God	1998	60, 138b	Psychology and therapy cannot replace the Word and Sacraments, but are tools that may be used in conjunction with them.
Publishing	Christian	1908	5c, 114	Nothing which contradicts God's Word should be printed by our publishing house.
Publishing	concern	1962	45, 121b	Evangelical concern for the program and publications of auxiliary organizations is necessary and proper.
Publishing	doctrine	1932	13, 113	All Synodical publications should be subject to doctrinal review.
Publishing	doctrine	1965	46, 162b	The Synodical publication "Arena" is expected to conform to Scriptures and the Confessions.
Publishing	Gospel	1959	44, 156	The printed page is the most effective agency for spreading the Gospel.
Publishing	Gospel	1965	46, 184a	Synod has an obligation to increase its ministry of the printed Word.
Punishment	capital	1977	52, 139a	Capital punishment is in accord with Scripture and the Confessions.
Purgatory	denied	1869	2c, 35	There is no purgatory in the next world.
Race	equality	1959	44, 317	Neither Scripture nor science prove the innate inferiority of any race of people.
Race	human	1959	44, 316	The creation account teaches the unity of the whole human family, descended from one man (also Acts 17).
Race	human	1992	58, 113b	The Bible teaches that all people come from Adam.
Race	origin	1959	44, 316	Neither Scripture nor science clearly explain the origin of what we call "races."
Race	redemption	1956	43, 757	Every redeemed individual, regardless of race or ethnic origin, is most precious to God.
Race	relations	1965	46, 154a	Individual Christians must help fight discrimination in their particular spheres of influence.

Race	relations	1965	46, 154a	The Church as the redeemed children of God is in a unique position to contribute toward the elimination of discrimination.
Race	science	1959	44, 317	The Christian's understanding of nationality and race should be based on sound theology and reliable scientific evidence.
Racism	Church	1965	46, 171b	The struggle for racial equality and justice is a proper and necessary concern for the Church.
Racism	defined	1992	58, 113b	Racism is the mindset that considers one group of people to be superior to another.
Racism	duty	1962	45, 97b	The Church is responsible for guiding its members in eliminating discrimination.
Racism	rejected	1962	45, 98a	Unjust distinctions deny many people the good things God in His creation intended for all mankind.
Racism	rejected	1979	53, 129a	Positive, wholesome, and Christian human relationships do not include racism.
Racism	sin	1959	44, 316	It is a sin to treat someone with contempt or despise a particular race.
Racism	sin	1969	48, 140b	All manner of racism is immoral and anti-Scriptural.
Racism	sin	1971	49, 198b	All racism is contrary to the Word of God, because it regards certain people as inferior.
Racism	sin	1977	52, 204a	Racism is a sin, completely contrary to God's Word.
Radio	gift	1977	52, 188a	Radio is a gift from God and an effective tool in proclaiming the Gospel and building up the body of Christ.
Radio	miracle	1967	47, 161a	God has granted the miracle of radio as a powerful medium for the proclamation of Christ's saving Gospel.
Reason	gift	1992	58, 120a	Rational analysis of the earthly realm (and the ministerial use of reason within the Church) is part of God's gift of creation.
Reason	magisterial	1905	5b, 21f.	Our opponents in the election controversy base their false doctrine on the "reasonable whole" of Scripture, which they falsely call the analogy of faith.
Reason	natural	1893	4a, 33	Natural reason cannot accept the things of God.

Reconciled	Christian	1971	49, 108a	We who are reconciled to God through Christ, should be reconciled to one another.
Redemption	purpose	1902	5a, 35	One purpose of our redemption is the performance of good works.
Redemption	service	1965	46, 192b	Those who confess that Christ redeemed them also confess that they are redeemed into his service.
Redemption	universal	1977	52, 118b	Christ in his love has redeemed all mankind from sin for everlasting life.
Refugee	care	1989	57, 154a	it is God's nature and our responsibility as His children to demonstrate our love and concern for refugees.
Refugee	concern	1979	53, 155a	The Lord identifies ministry to refugees and strangers as a legitimate concern and activity for the Church.
Refugee	ministry	1981	54, 203a	Assistance to the oppressed and the refugee is part of the ongoing social ministry of our Church.
Refugee	ministry	1981	54, 203a	The Lord has encouraged his people to reach out to the stranger and practice hospitality.
Refugee	responsibility	1965	46, 170a	Our nation has a responsibility to bear its share of refugees.
Relationships	Christian	1971	49, 166b	The relationship between members of Synod is not primarily based on rights but on a spirit of preference for the other (Rom. 12:10).
Relationships	fall	1977	52, 122b	The perfection relationships between people were broken by fall of man into sin.
Relationships	restored	1977	52, 122b	Jesus has broken down the wall of hostility between man and God, between man his fellowman, between Jew and Gentile.
Religion	compulsion	1965	46, 189b	Integrity of religion is vitiated by external compulsion; enforced attendance at service does disservice to religion.
Religion	false	1902	5a, 37	When men follow their own thoughts in matters of religion, they focus on their own works. (<i>opinio legis</i>)
Religion	pagan	1962	45, 97b	The resurgence of pagan religions (Islam, Buddhism) threatens the Church in many lands.
Religion	works	1899	4c, 28	The world religions are religions of works.

Religions	world	1902	5a, 27	Non-Christian religions are religions of works.
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Repentance	affliction	1872	2d, 73	God chastises his children through trials to bring them to repentance.
Research	scholarly	1981	54, 200a	Scholarly research is an indispensable part of our Lutheran confessional and Biblical mission and witness to our society.
Research	value	1992	58, 120a	Academic disciplines and research and planning help shape insights and provide direction which may be used in service of the Biblical message which alone informs us of salvation.
Resolutions	authority	1971	49, 114b	Synodical members are to honor and uphold its resolutions, i.e., support, act, and teach in accordance with them.
Resolutions	authority	1971	49, 119a	Doctrinal resolutions, carrying the authority of God's Word, do not set up a second power in the Church.
Resolutions	authority	1971	49, 119a	Synodical resolutions are not on par with the Lutheran Symbols, which may not be challenged.
Resolutions	authority	1971	49, 119a	To honor and uphold resolutions entails supporting them in action and teaching.
Resolutions	decision	1965	46, 126b	All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God; all other matters shall be decided by majority vote.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1977	52, 129b	The Confessions grant the right and responsibility to adopt doctrinal statements and resolutions on the basis of the Scriptures and Confessions.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1979	53, 111b	Adoption of doctrinal statements and decisions of fellowship may not change the nature of Synod but only regulate her expression in ways implicit in her nature as Church.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1979	53, 121b	The Confessions grant the right and responsibility to adopt doctrinal statements on the basis of Scripture to address contemporary issues.
Resolutions	doctrinal	1979	53, 122a	Doctrinal statements and resolutions are subordinate to the Confessions.
Resolutions	status	1911	6, 151	The Synodical reports of the districts are property of the whole Synod; <i>Synodalberichte</i> are a confession of our Church, insofar as they contain doctrine.

Resurrection	bodily	1896	4b, 4	The tired body sleeps until the glorious resurrection on the last day.
Resurrection	martyrs	1938	37, 230	Martyrs will not have a separate resurrection, since there will only be one resurrection on Judgment Day.
Retirement	dignity	1953	42, 225	The Church is obliged to treat teachers who have reached mandatory retirement age with dignity.
Retirement	mandatory	1983	55, 135a	God places no mandatory retirement age on either faith or its fruits.
Revelation	language	1998	60, 122b	God has revealed Himself to the world in human language and we must be careful to speak of Him according to His revelation in Scripture.
Rewards	of good works	1905	5b, 23	God will reward faithful pastors who also selflessly serve as schoolteachers with temporal and eternal rewards.
Righteousness	Christian	1869	2c, 85	Christian justice excels the mere external justice which the government requires.
Righteousness	civil	1893	4a, 32f	Civil righteousness is a most precious attribute for society, but it contributes nothing to conversion.
Righteousness	civil	1902	5a, 29	Civil righteousness has great value for the state and civil life; God rewards it with earthy blessings.
Righteousness	civil	1902	5a, 37	Common, civil morality has its value in civil life; it is neither Christian morality nor a good work. rights by transferring them to their representative (their called pastor).
Rights	Christian	1893	4a, 40f.	The worst robbery is to rob a Christian of the rights Christ has won for each believer by his blood.
Rights	civil	1899	4c, 33	The state's primary concern is external order and may refrain from strictly enforcing rights for the sake of peace.
RIM	deviations	1989	57, 118b	There are statements in RIM materials which are not consistent with the doctrinal position of the Synod.
RIM	disagreements	1998	60, 119a	Disagreements with RIM continue.
Romanism	Luther	1851	1, 173	Luther dealt the most decisive blow to the pope in his Letter to the Bohemians.

Romanists	apologetics	1914	7, 55	The Lutheran Church needs to watch the activities of Romanists and meet their public attacks on her doctrine and faith.
Romanists	believers	1902	5a, 25	Also the members of the Christian Church found among the sects and the Romanists have the one true faith in Christ.
Romanists	politics	1914	7, 55	The Roman hierarchy strives to influence and control the U.S. government in its own interests and endangers religious and political liberty.
Romanists	revolutionary	1914	7, 55	The Roman hierarchy rejects the principle of separation of Church and State and occupies a revolutionary position toward the U.S. Constitution.
Romanizing	dangerous	1959	44, 195	Romanizing tendencies should be dealt with promptly since they are dangerous.
Sacraments	Word	1860	1b, 56	There is no essential difference between the Word and the Sacraments.
Salvation	certainty	1911	6, 202	Salvation is certain when it rests not on the heart itself but on God's Word and Sacrament.
Salvation	Christ alone	1950	41, 487	The multitudes in the world are eternally lost without Christ.
Salvation	Christ alone	1969	48, 77b	Jesus Christ is the only way to life with God; all other "gospels" are rejected.
Salvation	Christ	1979	53, 98b	There is no other way to salvation but through Jesus Christ.
Salvation	Church	1902	5a, 26	Outside of the one Church of God, no one will be saved. (Luther)
Salvation	faith	1893	4a, 50	Only he will be saved who believes the Gospel in his heart and does not cast it out a through life in sin.
Salvation	given	1965	46, 80a	John 3:16 cited.
Salvation	Gospel	1908	5c, 24	The grace of God in Christ to the exclusion of every works-righteousness is the single salvation for us and a lost world.
Salvation	Gospel	1911	6, 37	The Church bears the one and ancient saving Gospel into the world of lost sinners.
Salvation	grace alone	1911	6, 204f.	Walther fought against synergism and championed free grace in Christ.

Salvation	grace alone	1911	6, 207	Walther rightly taught that man is saved by grace alone for Christ's sake without any contribution, justified by faith.
Salvation	grace	1965	46, 100a	Salvation is absolutely dependent on the grace of God mediated by the eternal Son.
Salvation	loss of	1908	5c, 24	Grace and salvation can be lost by growing tired of the Gospel.
Salvation	means	1979	53, 121b	Through the external means of grace the Holy Spirit, together with everything necessary for life and salvation, is given to those who believe.
Salvation	purpose	1981	54, 217a	Our God has saved us so that we might serve Him and willingly use our talents and abilities to pursue the Great Commission.
Salvation	universal	1950	41, 496	The Savior wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
Salvation	universal	1959	44, 316	God's love is universal in its intent that the propitiation of all sins be preached to every creature.
Satiety	danger	1908	5c, 24	A great danger lies in growing tired of the Gospel and, with this, Christian life and work.
Scholars	gift	1983	55, 161a	Scholars are gifts of God to the Church.
School	benefits	1911	6, 120	A church school is the best means to give children a Christian upbringing and build the kingdom of our Savior.
School	enemies	1920	9, 231f	The Christian school is threatened by the Roman Church, sects, the lodges, Americanization, public schools and the increasing worldliness of the congregations.
School	Holy Spirit	1977	52, 186a	Research evidence confirms that the Holy Spirit does work through Lutheran schools, so they are effective agencies of spiritual growth.
School	importance	1874	3a, 44	A Church cannot last long without schools.
School	importance	1920	9, 229	The Synod will lose its specifically Lutheran character if it does not sufficiently provide for the education of its children.
School	Lutheran	1983	55, 150a	Lutheran schools must be conscious of and vigorously uphold and defend their Lutheran identity.
School	mission	1857	1, 321	Schools are an important mission to win the German immigrants from unbelief.

School	mission	1902	5a, 71	By establishing Christian schools one hopes to win the parents through the children.
School	mission	1986	56, 129b	The Lutheran school is often the most effective agency the Synod has to bring the message of the Gospel to urban areas.
School	necessity	1920	9, 228	Congregations fulfill their duty to "raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord" by maintaining a Christian school.
School	necessity	1920	9, 229	Luther said no one should send a child to a place where the Holy Spirit doesn't rule. Without God's Word, all will be corrupted.
School	purpose	1872	2d, 88	The primary aim of the Christian school is the salvation of the children, not their advanced learning.
School	purpose	1965	46, 153b	In keeping with Scriptural convictions, Synod maintains schools to train Christian citizens.
School	quality	1965	46, 152b	Quality in Lutheran schools entails distinctively Christian and Lutheran instruction and high academic standards.
School	significance	1914	7, 52	Parochial schools are vital to the best interests of a Christian congregation.
School	significance	1935	14, 100	The Christian day-school is the best means for helping parents nourish the spiritual lives of their children.
School	significance	1941	38, 153	The Christian day-school is a precious legacy for the indoctrination and training of children.
School	significance	1941	38, 153	The future of our Church depends largely on the preservation of Christian schools.
School	standards	1959	44, 199	A good school provides sound indoctrination, fosters Christian life, and exerts Christian influence.
School	standards	1962	45, 112a	Christian schools are obliged to provide a good general education.
School	standards	1962	45, 112b	It is essential to maintain the highest standards of education in the Christian day school, especially in teaching religion.
School	support	1863	2a, 19	The Church has been entrusted with the weighty responsibility of supporting the schools and seminaries.

School	support	1872	2d, 87	Every congregation should have or support a Christians school.
School	support	1920	9, 232	Obedience to the Word of God requires support for church schools (Eph. 6:4, Deut. 6:4, Gen. 18:19, Mark 10:14, Col. 3:16).
School	visitation	1917	8, 33	A pastor or superintendent should visit schools for their better and encouragement.
School	Word of God	1899	4c, 30	Children should be raised in schools where the Word is actual headmaster so that children may flourish in faith toward Christ.
School	Word of God	1923	10, 152	The Scriptures are the basis of the Christian school.
School	Word of God	1962	45, 112b	The Christian day school most thoroughly educates the mind, heart, and soul under the influence of God's Word and will.
Science	misuse	1878	3b, 32	Enemies of the Word of God attempt to found their accusations on the results of natural science. Therefore, our students should be well taught in this subject.
Science	misuse	1899	4c, 34	Modern science threatens the Church by claiming the authority to determine which parts of the Scripture are true.
Scripture	.cf., Word of God, Bible			
Scripture	authority	1905	5b, 18	Doctrines are taught on the basis of the Word of God; the is the single standard of Christian faith and life.
Scripture	authority	1965	46, 97b	Holy Scripture has always been and will continue to be the guiding principle by which the Synod conducts its convention business.
Scripture	authorship	1969	48, 84b	The Scriptures themselves ascribe the authorship of the Pentateuch and Isaiah to Moses and Isaiah respectively, though not necessarily exclusively.
Scripture	authorship	1969	48, 84b	While the human authorship of Scripture is important, divine authorship is the dominant factor.
Scripture	clarity	1869	2c, 56	The Church can leave no question "open" when the answer stands clearly in the Scripture.
Scripture	clarity	1893	4a, 36	Scripture is clearer to us than history, which God does not fully explain to us.

Scripture	clarity	1935	14, 293	The Scriptures are clear.
Scripture	conscience	1969	48, 84b	We do not bind consciences by preaching and teaching what Scripture says about its authorship.
Scripture	criticism	1893	4a, 29	Textual criticism, determining the text of the Bible from ancient documents, is an honorable activity.
Scripture	criticism	1893	4a, 30	Higher criticism is foolishness to reason and blasphemy before God.
Scripture	hermeneutics	1962	45, 104b	Scripture implies that it does not contract itself and the clear passages must interpret the less clear.
Scripture	inerrant	1938	37, 229	Synod commends the ALC for emphasizing verbal inspiration and the inerrancy of Scripture.
Scripture	inerrant	1962	45, 104b	We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of Scripture and its inerrancy.
Scripture	inerrant	1969	48, 84b	Synod rejects any limitation on the inerrancy, sufficiency, and divine authorship of Scripture.
Scripture	inspired	1893	4a, 29	The Scripture, according to its own testimony, is fully inspired, without errors.
Scripture	norm	1884	3d, 161	Only when each teaching is based on Scripture will each article of faith stand.
Scripture	norm	1956	43, 527	Scripture is the norm according to which doctrines are decided.
Scripture	norm	1965	46, 103b	Scripture is the only norm for solving the problems confronting our Church life.
Scripture	norm	1965	46, 99a	Synod accepts without reservation the Scriptures as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and practice.
Scripture	norm	1971	49, 164a	Scripture is the only rule and norm of faith and practice.
Scripture	reading	1989	57, 118b	The public reading of Scripture is most properly a function of the pastoral office and should not ordinarily be delegated to a lay person, man or woman.
Scripture	salvation	1977	52, 135a	The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired revelation of God and the witness to the salvation given in Christ.
Scripture	study	1965	46, 95b	The study of the nature and interpretation of Scripture should be oriented to the tasks of proclamation and edification.

Scripture	study	1967	47, 88a	Scholars and Church members are expected to study the Scriptures daily.
Scripture	Synod	1971	49, 164a	Synods accepts anything and everything that Scripture teaches.
Scripture	versions	1953	42, 574	New versions of the Bible should be used with proper caution and safeguards.
Scripture	versions	1953	42, 574	Synod refrains from adopting any version as its official Scripture.
Scripture	versions	1953	42, 574	The RSV successfully transmits the message of God's Words to the English reader.
Scripture	versions	1953	42, 575	Use of the RSV will not undermine faith in any doctrine of the Scriptures.
Scripture	versions	1953	42, 576	Members are properly concerned that poor translations will harm the faith and knowledge of Christians.
Scripture	Word of God	1962	45, 104b	Scripture is in all its words and parts the very Word of God.
Scripture	Word of God	1962	45, 105b	Scripture is the Word of God, the only rule and norm of faith and practice.
Sects	believers	1902	5a, 25	Also the members of the Christian Church found among the sects and the Romanists have the one true faith in Christ.
Sects	deceitful	1902	5a, 32	Those who preach that conversion consists of leading a better life and following the Golden Rule deceive people.
Sects	zeal	1911	6, 174	Presbyterians and Congregationalists are named as examples of sects zealous for mission.
Secularism	denied	1965	46, 80b	The Christian recognized no area of life that may be termed "secular," i.e., removed from the lordship of Christ.
Self-denial	love	1869	2c, 70	After the fall, the golden rule cannot be kept without self-denial.
Seminary	blessings	1899	4c, 40	From Concordia Seminary flow the rich blessings that the truth of Scripture have been widely proclaimed and the congregations have been properly organized by the Word.
Seminary	faculty	1953	42, 169	A consecrated and scholastically efficient faculty is indispensable for training God-fearing pastors and teachers.

Seminary	Ft. Wayne	1995	59, 133a	Throughout its history the Ft. Wayne seminary has maintained without interruption a steadfastness in teaching the doctrine set forth in Scripture and the Confessions.
Seminary	function	1899	4c, 39f.	The seminary faculty prepares students to be proper servants of the orthodox Church and spreads and defends the Lutheran Zion in all the world through their literary efforts.
Seminary	heresy	1971	49, 138b	The faculty majority of St. Louis has erred in subverting the authority of Scripture, Gospel reductionism and denying the third use of the Law.
Seminary	ministry	1920	9, 74	The Synod has a moral responsibility to recognize the Brazilian seminary as its own for the sake of strengthening the ministerium in that land.
Seminary	objective	1983	55, 183b	The one basic objective of Synodical seminaries is the training of pastors.
Seminary	objective	1983	55, 206b	The primary purpose of Synodical seminaries is to train and equip men for service in the congregations.
Seminary	purpose	1902	5a, 39	The seminary instructs Christian men in the pure doctrine of the evangelical Lutheran Church and equips them to be workers in the vineyard of the Lord.
Seminary	purpose	1911	6, 46	The seminary serves as a means for the extension of the kingdom of God on earth.
Seminary	purpose	1917	8, 7	The seminaries are planted on the Scripture and the Confessions and aim to train servants of the Church.
Seminary	purpose	1981	54, 193b	The overall concern of seminaries is to train future pastors to share the Gospel.
Seminary	purpose	1989	57, 150b	The primary goal of seminaries is to educate men for the pastoral ministry in the parishes of our Church.
Seminary	standards	1887	3e, 31f.	The Church will only be served by admitting students who not only are honorable but also are faithful in their hearts and gifted.
Sermon	.cf., preaching			
Service	motivation	1967	47, 150a	Recognition of God's blessings in the past should stimulate us to greater service to people in need.
Sex	abuse	1992	58, 172a	Sexual abuse is not only contrary to God's Word but also has a lasting effect on those victimized by

				such acts.
Sex	blessing	1983	55, 158b	Scripture commends to mankind the blessings of sexual behavior and warns against its abuse.
Sex	expression	1992	58, 172a	The Word of God teaches under what circumstances a God pleasing expression of sexuality takes place.
Sex	gift	1992	58, 172a	Sexuality is God's sacred gift to each individual.
Sex	idolatry	1992	58, 117b	It is necessary for the Church to expose and resist the sexual idolatry of our society.
Sex	idolatry	1992	58, 171b	Contemporary society idolizes sex.
Sin	admonition	1953	42, 345	The Word demands that every sin be warned against and every willful transgression dealt with.
Sin	conscience	1872	2d, 75	Those who sin against their conscience lose their faith.
Sin	conscience	1881	3c, 31	One with an erring conscience sins whether he follows his conscience or disobeys it.
Sin	dancing	1863	2a, 18	Worldly dancing is sinful.
Sin	dancing	1905	5b, 85	Sects deceive by damnable means, such as arranging dances and balls.
Sin	drunkenness	1863	2a, 61	Drunkenness is reason for excommunication, not just the minor ban.
Sin	interest	1869	2c, 53 f	Difference of opinion over the sinfulness of taking interest is significant and unity over this issue should be sought in the Church.
Sin	mission	1902	5a, 109	It is a terrible sin of omission to neglect the spiritual needs of our neighbor (deaf mission).
Sin	mortal	1893	4a, 50	He who remains in mortal sin has no hope for eternal life.
Sin	oaths	1893	4a, 52	Lodges practice sinful swearing and oaths.
Sin	original	1977	52, 130b	The individual human being is a sinner from the moment of conception (Ps. 51:5).
Sin	security	1872	2d, 76	More souls are lost through the sin of false security than any other.

Sin	security	1872	2d, 77	Sins of security are increased through an insufficient preaching of the law.
Sin	standards	1899	4c, 37	Christians should be patiently taught what is sinful, especially when they are confused by the false standards of their time.
Sin	standards	1971	49, 198a	The sinful nature of man is constantly endeavoring to formulate standards of society that will enslave man.
Sin	universal	1959	44, 316	The fall into sin brought evil consequences not inherent in the entire human race.
Sin	Word of God	1899	4c, 37	Christians properly expect their pastors to be able to clearly show from the Word of God what is sinful in particular circumstances.
Social action	precarious	1965	46, 170b	Church affiliation with and support of specific political and social solutions is precarious and may be wrong.
Social work	mandate	1959	44, 320	Welfare agencies assist Christians to bear one another's burdens and fulfill the Law of Christ.
Socialists	reprobate	1911	6, 108f.	Godless socialist Finns in Arizona despise the Word of God, the Church and all authority.
Society	justice	1981	54, 204b	Our Lord requires that we "do justice" and calls Christians "the salt of the earth."
Son of God	.cf., Christ, Jesus, God			
Son of God	divine	1893	4a, 31	All subordinationism (e.g., the Son is equal to the Father only in might and honor) is a revival of heathen polytheism.
Son of God	humiliation	1965	46, 79b	The Son laid aside His glory, became a man to serve men, and died on the cross to reconcile all things to God.
Son of God	incarnate	1893	4a, 31	Against the Kenotic heresy, the whole fullness of the divine essence became man in Christ. He maintained possession of all divine glory and attributes.
Soul	value	1905	5b, 85	According to the Savior's reckoning, each soul is worth more than the world and all its treasures.
Spirit	conversion	1902	5a, 34	The Holy Spirit proclaims Christ and through His Word writes the message of grace on the heart.
Spirit	gifts	1969	48, 79a	The Lord of the Church has given various gifts of the Spirit to the members of His body.

Spirit	history	1977	52, 132b	In history the Spirit creates that which is not of this world, such as the literature of the Bible.
Spirit	means	1967	47, 143a	The Spirit enlightens, sanctifies, and empowers God's people through the Word of God and the witness of Scriptures.
Spirit	means	1977	52, 131b	Through the external means of grace the Spirit, together with all that is necessary for life and salvation, is given to those who believe.
Spirit	means	1979	53, 121a	The Holy Spirit carries out His work without ceasing until the Last Day through Word and Sacrament.
Spirit	missionary	1965	46, 79b	The Father and Son together sent the Spirit into the world as the great Missionary.
Spirit	new life	1965	46, 172a	The new life received from the Spirit expresses itself in word and action.
Spirit	objective	1893	4a, 28	Everything that boasts of the Spirit apart from Word and Sacrament is of the devil (Luther).
Spirit	pneumatology	1977	52, 131b	The Lutheran Church has a rich heritage of Spirit theology in its confessional writings, exegetical studies, hymns, and prayers.
Spirit	promptings	1965	46, 171b	In promoting racial justice, Christians respond the promptings of the Holy Spirit in a variety of ways.
Spirits	.cf., demons			
State	obedience	1969	48, 91a	Scripture teaches that all should obey authorities, except when their demands counter God's will.
State	aid	1947	39, 315	State aid is fairly offered to all students, both in public and private schools.
State	aid	1947	39, 315	We should oppose state support of parochial schools, since this amounts to support for religious instruction.
State	authority	1896	4b, 33	Civil government has authority over physical things, things of civil life.
State	Church			.cf., Church, state; Citizenship
State	disobedience	1967	47, 96b	It is dangerous to make independent judgments regarding civil disobedience.

State	disobedience	1967	47, 96b	The CTCR document, "Civil Obedience and Disobedience," offers proper guidance in harmony with Scripture and the Confessions.
State	mandate	1983	55, 155b	The state has a divine mandate to defend the life, welfare, and property of its citizens.
State	purpose	1902	5a, 31	The task of the State is to maintain external order in the world.
State	support	1992	58, 170b	Christians, pastors, and congregations should support and pray for those at all levels and in all branches of government.
Statistics	significance	1917	8, 7	The Lord's statistics are different than ours, for his eyes are on the truth.
Stewardship	administered	1905	5b, 20	The free and spontaneous character of Christian giving does not exclude orderly administration of stewardship.
Stewardship	age	1981	54, 185a	It appears to be poor stewardship of God-given gifts to require retirement at age 65.
Stewardship	appeals	1969	48, 158b	Special stewardship appeals develop poor stewardship attitudes and practices.
Stewardship	appeals	1969	48, 164a	Special stewardship appeals develop poor stewardship attitudes and practices.
Stewardship	building	1969	48, 154a	Congregations should exercise good stewardship in their building programs.
Stewardship	business	1947	40, 551	The work of God's kingdom, insofar as it touches earthly affairs, must be conducted according to sound business and stewardship.
Stewardship	by need	1908	5c, 136	It is not contrary to love to require 2 or 3 witnesses to testify of someone's need before giving money.
Stewardship	by need	1908	5c, 25	Giving should not be according to our inclination but according to the needs of Christ.
Stewardship	children	1884	3d, 19	Offering excess gold or silver to God but preventing your son from entering the ministry is displeasing to God.
Stewardship	congregation	1941	38, 180	Consolidation of small congregations is good stewardship and serves the work of the Kingdom.
Stewardship	congregation	1967	47, 165a	Christians in congregations have corporate stewardship responsibilities.
Stewardship	consciousness	1935	14, 277	Districts should help develop a missionary and stewardship consciousness among their constituency.

Stewardship	debt	1944	39, 324	Good stewardship requires a quick payment of debts.
Stewardship	defined	1989	57, 123a	Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.
Stewardship	defined	1989	57, 125b	Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.
Stewardship	District	1967	47, 165a	Congregations in Districts must be good stewards as they carry out Christ's command to go into all the world.
Stewardship	duty	1917	8, 56	It would be humiliating if every communicant member of the Synod could not give at least one dollar per year to the propagation of the true doctrine.
Stewardship	duty	1920	9, 223	Given God's rich bestowal of spiritual and material blessings, many more legacies should be expected for the work of the Synod.
Stewardship	duty	1989	57, 139a	God has called us to be responsible stewards of financial and human resources.
Stewardship	education	1896	4b, 24	Synodical institutions should not be funded by endowments, lest no longer dependent on the generosity of the congregations, they no longer function for the benefit of the Synod.
Stewardship	education	1967	47, 136a	Good stewardship demands continuous long-range planning for capital investments at colleges and seminaries.
Stewardship	endowments	1890	3f, 27	Endowments carry with them the danger of weaning us from fully depending on God. Faculties with large endowments often teach false doctrine.
Stewardship	energy	1977	52, 190b	The energy crisis reminds Christians of our stewardship of resources.
Stewardship	environment	1992	58, 171a	We have been entrusted by God to manage responsibly and live in harmony with all of His creation.
Stewardship	evangelical	1908	5c, 22	The Word, the Gospel, not legalistic compulsion, should do everything in the Church.
Stewardship	expected	1917	8, 8	The Lord looks to the Synod for regular and generous contributions toward the work of his kingdom.
Stewardship	faculty	1983	55, 206a	A regular review of faculty and administrative staff encourages a full stewardship of human

				resources.
Stewardship	failure	1956	43, 665	Failure to give proportionally is detrimental to individual spiritual life and the congregation's efforts.
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Stewardship	financial	1899	4c, 31	The members of the Church should put their earthly goods in the service of the Church.
Stewardship	fundraising	1995	59, 131b	Fundraising appeals which are too frequent and use inappropriate methods can rob God's people of the joy of Christian giving.
Stewardship	goods	1971	49, 195a	The Lord expects us to use material things to the glory of His name and the salvation and welfare of the neighbor.
Stewardship	growth	1962	45, 150b	Christians are to grow in the grace of giving.
Stewardship	growth	1981	54, 216b	Members are to grow in living as faithful stewards of Christ, through congregations and in personal relationships.
Stewardship	hindrances	1926	11, 217	Christians do not sufficiently know what the Bible teaches about the Christian duty of giving.
Stewardship	hindrances	1926	11, 217	Proper stewardship is hindered by the sinful nature still in Christians and by the materialism of our age.
Stewardship	legacies	1941	38, 368	Legacies are a means to further the work of the Kingdom of God.
Stewardship	life	1998	60, 144a	An emphasis on effective care for the whole person increases awareness of the total stewardship of life.
Stewardship	love	1977	52, 193b	Our abundance of spiritual and material resources are given us to share with others and fulfill the command of love.
Stewardship	means	1899	4c, 32	Only the Word of God will properly motivate Christian giving.
Stewardship	mission	1908	5c, 143	The proposition (p. 140) that donations for mission may also be spent on schools and parish homes.
Stewardship	mission	1911	6, 171	The Synodical, construction and inner mission funds are the most necessary accounts for the continuation of the work God which has entrusted the Synod.

Stewardship	mission	1967	47, 86b	Money must serve an enabling role in the mission of the Church.
Stewardship	mission	1979	53, 167a	Stewardship training enables mission.
Stewardship	motivation	1857	1, 323	The hammer of the Law must break the greed of the congregation; the balm of the Gospel must heal the heart so that faith becomes active in love.
Stewardship	motivation	1896	4b, 23	As long as Christians continue to love the Word of God, the Synodical institutions will not suffer lack.
Stewardship	motivation	1905	5b, 20	God has so richly blessed us for Christ's sake that we are willing givers.
Stewardship	motivation	1908	5c, 21	Regular proclamation of the Word of God works regular offerings to the Synod, which supports the Synodical schools.
Stewardship	motivation	1911	6, 172	Pastors should remind their congregations of the importance of the Synodical budget for the work of the kingdom of God and instill in them a willing generosity through the Gospel.
Stewardship	motivation	1914	7, 48	Congregations would donate more to missions if they would regularly familiarize themselves with the needs of different treasuries at stated intervals.
Stewardship	motivation	1917	8, 34	The Savior has blessed us richly both materially and spiritually; therefore, we should abound in the grace of giving.
Stewardship	motivation	1920	9, 204	Only the Gospel moves a person to make a generous and acceptable offering to the Lord.
Stewardship	motivation	1923	10, 217	Only the love of Christ should compel us to give.
Stewardship	motivation	1981	54, 216b	Proper Scriptural motivation should be included in all special gift and deferred giving programs.
Stewardship	motivation	1992	58, 171a	In response to the love of God in Christ, our stewardship is reflected in our lifestyle and priorities.
Stewardship	order	1908	5c, 22	Order which serves the course of the Word of God in the Church is good. Every order which attempts to do something without God's Word is corrupting.
Stewardship	order	1923	10, 217	The Lord wants all things done decently and in good order, including the reception of donations.

Stewardship	organized	1920	9, 204	The absence of an organized system of collection hinders the Gospel's effective motivation of good stewardship.
Stewardship	planning	1959	44, 133	Good stewardship demands wise planning and cooperative consultation in the expenditure of funds.
Stewardship	planning	1965	46, 148a	Good stewardship of synodical funds demands continuous wise planning and cooperative consultation of educational capital investments.
Stewardship	planning	1989	57, 150a	Careful planning and the wise use of resources is necessary in order to exercise positive Christian stewardship.
Stewardship	possessions	1998	60, 123a	Possessions are entrusted to us by the Creator so that we may bring honor to Him and help to others.
Stewardship	principles	1979	53, 167a	The ongoing stewardship life of the Church is enhanced by a strong spiritual emphasis according to Scriptural principles.
Stewardship	principles	1989	57, 123a	Teaching Biblical stewardship principles will equip God's people to respond to Christ's love with God-pleasing management of His gifts.
Stewardship	proportional	1914	7, 48	Many proposed that individual congregations should impose on themselves a systematic giving of sufficient sums in proportion to their ability.
Stewardship	proportional	1950	41, 768	A proper distribution of Church funds depends on the exercise of the proportionate giving.
Stewardship	proportional	1977	52, 209a	God blesses those who lovingly apply His precepts of proportional giving.
Stewardship	proportional	1977	52, 209a	God's Word challenges us to give sacrificially and proportionately.
Stewardship	proportional	1981	54, 214b	Members of congregations are encouraged to give proportionally, moving toward or beyond tithing.
Stewardship	proportional	1981	54, 216b	The grace of proportional giving is to be effectively taught.
Stewardship	proportional	1989	57, 123b	The practice of proportionate, firstfruits giving is to be encouraged.
Stewardship	purpose	1962	45, 149b	Offerings are sacred trusts to be used for carrying out God's will.
Stewardship	resources	1969	48, 159b	Stewardship of all natural and human resources in the world has been given into human hands by our heavenly Father.

Stewardship	resources	1977	52, 209a	God has entrusted to us resources so we can carry out his purposes.
Stewardship	resources	1986	56, 211b	Scripture urges all Christians to be concerned about using their God-given resources to His glory.
Stewardship	responsible	1899	4c, 32	Christians have a right and a duty to learn why their funds are needed. They should be sure they will indeed be used for the work of Christ.
Stewardship	scope	1981	54, 214b	Stewardship embraces the entire response of the Christian to the grace of the Lord.
Stewardship	scope	1981	54, 214b	We are encouraged to <i>grow</i> in the grace of Christian giving.
Stewardship	Scriptural	1983	55, 177a	Growth in the grace of total commitment is enhanced when stimulating materials are permeated with Scriptural principles of managing life.
Stewardship	Synodical	1959	44, 290	All congregations are responsible for adequate support of District and Synod.
Stewardship	talents	1938	37, 219	District officers should be rotated in order to fully utilize the gifts given by God.
Stewardship	talents	1941	38, 405	The gifts and talents given by God to all in the Church should be utilized and coordinated for good order.
Stewardship	talents	1969	48, 104a	Stewardship, integrity, and brotherly love require that all members' talents be used.
Stewardship	talents	1971	49, 145b	Stewardship, integrity and brotherly love require the use of all talents within the Church.
Stewardship	teachers	1959	44, 201	Teachers' talents should be used to the greatest possible extent to serve the congregation.
Stewardship	technique	1956	43, 670	The Synod aims for a correlation between Scriptural stewardship principles and methods and techniques.
Stewardship	testimony	1956	43, 695	Designated trust funds are a tribute to the donor's faith and tangible fruit of Christian love.
Stewardship	thanksgiving	1944	39, 281	The Synod's Centennial is an occasion for thankful offerings to support the Kingdom of God.
Stewardship	universal	1967	47, 165a	All Christians are stewards of God's blessings.
Stewardship	women	1967	47, 89b	Proper stewardship of the Spirit's gifts utilizes women's gifts wherever they are found.

Student	begging	1881	3c, 63	Poor students preparing for Church work who must beg for their room and board beg not for themselves but for Christ.
Student	college	1965	46, 86b	College students have special needs which should be met by the Church.
Student	debt	1989	57, 121b	Men who prepare to service the office of the ministry should not be called on to endure excessive financial burdens resulting from the cost of their education.
Student	service	1947	39, 259	Graduates are morally obligated to give the Church some return for their education.
Students	support	1878	3b, 31	Providing funds for poor students of theology is a work of love almost equal to providing for widows and orphans.
Students	support	1881	3c, 63	It is the holy duty of the congregations to provide for the poor students who are preparing for church work.
Students	support	1935	14, 81	Indigent students should receive support if they are blameless in scholarship, application, and Christian character.
Study	pastor	1863	2a, 15 f	Private study, especially of Luther, is necessary for the pastor.
Study	topics	1872	2d, 81ff	Pastors and teachers should continually study both the Scriptures and the old Lutheran teachers, especially Luther.
Submission	mutual	1896	4b, 31	Christians submit to one another in love in matters not settled by the Word.
Suffering	opportunity	1995	59, 141b	Suffering and depression are opportunities for helping, healing, encouragement, and hope through the Gospel.
Suffering	purpose	1977	52, 137a	Suffering has a positive pose and value in God's economy and is not to be avoided at all costs.
Suffering	purpose	1977	52, 137a	Suffering has a purposes (sic) of God.
Suffering	response	1986	56, 209a	Jesus responded in love to human suffering.
Suffering	value	1905	5b, 93	Under the cross, a Christian learns to patiently endure what God lays upon him, exercise faith, prayer and hope.

Suffering	worship	1977	52, 137a	We sing the positive purpose of suffering in our worship.
Suicide	legalization	1995	59, 141b	Any attempt to legalize assisted suicide is an affront to the Lord, who gives life.
Sunday school	children	1983	55, 150b	Sunday school is the ideal means to keep children with the Church to and win the unchurched.
Sunday School	functions	1979	53, 151b	The Sunday school is the most widely used agency for education and evangelism.
Sunday School	importance	1977	52, 181a	The Sunday school is the primary agency for formal Christian education and an instrument for evangelism.
Sunday School	insufficient	1920	9, 229	Sunday schools are not sufficient for Christian education.
Sunday school	insufficient	1947	40, 321	The Sunday school falls far short of providing enough time for Christian education.
Sunday school	insufficient	1953	42, 340	The Sunday school alone does not provide enough time for a program of Christian education.
Sunday School	insufficient	1956	43, 306	Sunday school does not allow sufficient time for a full Christian education.
Sunday School	literature	1938	37, 245	It is deplorable that our Churches use privately published Lutheran or even sectarian Sunday School material.
Sunday School	purpose	1923	10, 157	Sunday school is not the chief educational institution, but a mere missionary and auxiliary agency of the Church.
Sunday School	quality	1956	43, 302	Love for God and concern for those we teach impels us to strive for the best possible Sunday schools.
Sunday School	supervision	1920	9, 182	Pastors and teachers should themselves organize the Sunday School (where necessary) so it may be thoroughly Lutheran, not strive against the day school and form a "church within the Church."
Sunday school	teacher	1947	40, 321	Every Sunday school teacher should receive some training.
Sunday school	teacher	1962	45, 114b	Sunday school teachers have a serious responsibility and should be well trained.
Sunday school	worship	1947	39, 317	Sunday school is not a substitute for a worship service.
Sunday	liturgy	1983	55, 147a	Too many special Sundays disrupt the emphases and flow of the liturgical Church year.

Sunday	rest	1866	2b, 48	Rest on Sundays is only for the sake of hearing God's Word; it is only a human ordinance not to work.
Sunday	special	1986	56, 135b	The practice of designating special Sundays has de-emphasized the themes set forth in the Scripture readings and propers in the Church year.
Synod	adiaphoron	1902	5a, 76	Membership in the Synod is an adiaphoron, left to the free decision of the congregation.
Synod	advisory	1967	47, 122b	Synod is not an ecclesiastical government but an advisory body with respect to the congregation's right of self-government.
Synod	advisory	1971	49, 161a	Synod is not an ecclesiastical government but an advisory body.
Synod	assets	1977	52, 152a	The assets of Synod are held for the work of God's kingdom as this work is carried on by the Synod.
Synod	authority	1874	3a, 59	The Synodical convention acts on behalf of the full churchly authority of the congregations.
Synod	authority	1944	39, 249	Although synodical structure is not commanded by the Bible, Synod follows Scripture's precepts regarding fellowship.
Synod	authority	1950	41, 526	By joining the Synod, a congregation agrees to honor her rules and regulations.
Synod	authority	1950	41, 526	Congregations are never "subject" to Synod, since it is an advisory body.
Synod	authority	1950	41, 529f	Synod is an advisory body. Every congregation should respect her resolutions if they agree with the Word of God and are expedient.
Synod	call	1953	42, 480	Synod, as an advisory body, cannot pass any rule about the acceptance of a call.
Synod	confession	1967	47, 108b	The convention operates under the Constitution of the Synod and is pledged to Scripture and the Confessions.
Synod	confession	1967	47, 124a	Synod and every member of Synod accepts the Scriptures as the only rule and norm of faith and practice and the confessions as the true exposition of the Word of God.
Synod	confession	1971	49, 114b	The concept of Synod precludes individualism which allows everyone to interpret Synod's position subjectively.

Synod	confessional	1935	14, 235	Under God's guidance, the Synod propagated sound confessional Lutheranism in America.
Synod	confessional	1971	49, 133a	The confessional basis for Synod is the Scripture and Book of Concord of 1580.
Synod	confessional	1983	55, 207b	The synod is a solidly confessional Church body.
Synod	confessional	1986	56, 139b	From its founding, Synod has been thoroughly committed the Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.
Synod	confessional	1995	59, 156b	Synod is a confessional Church espousing the Scripture as the sole source and norm of doctrine.
Synod	Confessions	1911	6, 181,2	The Synod is an Evangelical Church which confesses and practices the doctrine of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and the other symbols of the 1580 Book of Concord.
Synod	Confessions	1979	53, 121b	Synod guides itself solely by the norm of the inerrant Scriptures and the Confessions as a true exposition of the Word of God.
Synod	Confessions	1986	56, 139b	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	1959	44, 263	A congregation is a voluntary member of Synod and autonomous. Synod has no power over its self-government or property.
Synod	discipline	1969	48, 91a	Synod guides itself solely by the inerrant Scriptures and the Confessions as their exposition and exercises discipline by that norm.
Synod	District	1998	60, 149a	District Presidents are to see that all resolutions of Synod which concern Districts are made known and carried out.
Synod	doctrine	1969	48, 91a	Synod does not find it necessary to disavow any of its doctrinal statements.
Synod	ecumenism	1986	56, 145a	Synod has a goal that all Christians embrace and adhere to a single true religion and live together in unity and in one fellowship and Church.
Synod	education	1998	60, 127b	Synod shall aid congregations develop Christian education and nurture.
Synod	enemy	1920	9, 75	The <i>Riograndenser</i> Synod is named as our opponent in the Brazilian mission.

Synod	establishment	1977	52, 209b	We established the Synod under the guidance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to do the things individuals and congregations cannot do.
Synod	Gospel	1941	38, 415	In His grace, God established the Synod as a Church of the pure Gospel and a beacon of truth for the world.
Synod	Gospel	1995	59, 115a	The Synod has rich Gospel roots.
Synod	heavenly	1911	6, 121	The true general Synod will begin with all believers gathered before the throne of the Lamb.
Synod	identity	1911	6, 138	The delegate Synod remains the same constitutional entity it was in 1847, an exclusively religious association of congregations (per the Milwaukee committee on incorporation).
Synod	life	1899	4c, 21	The life of the Synod depends on its teaching institutions and its missions, not on its social service agencies (hospitals, orphanages, etc.).
Synod	membership	1953	42, 743	Failure to properly advertise Synodical affiliation could give the impression that all Lutheran Churches are the same and cause some members to join another Lutheran Church.
Synod	membership	1965	46, 171a	Synodical membership requires a congregation constitution in conformity with Scripture and Confessions.
Synod	membership	1971	49, 185a	The exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks and catechisms in Church and school is a condition of Synodical membership.
Synod	membership	1986	56, 147b	Congregations are received into Synodical membership only if they are fully supportive of Synod's doctrinal position.
Synod	membership	1986	56, 151a	Synod is comprised of congregations, ministers of the Gospel, and teachers.
Synod	membership	1995	59, 125a	Conditions of Synodical membership include renunciation of unionism and syncretism, such as taking part in the services or rites of heterodox congregations.
Synod	membership	1998	60, 118a	Renunciation of unionism and syncretism such as taking part in services and rites of heterodox congregation or congregations of mixed confession is a condition for Synodical membership.
Synod	mission	1920	9, 101	The chief work entrusted to the Synod by the Savior is the preaching of the Gospel.

Synod	mission	1920	9, 113	The main work of the Synod is mission
Synod	mission	1920	9, 40	The chief goal of the Synod is to train servants of the Word.
Synod	mission	1923	10, 86	The chief God-given task of the Synod is to spread the Gospel to all.
Synod	mission	1979	53, 92a	The mission of the Synod is to make disciples of all nations.
Synod	mission	1986	56, 153b	The very nature of Synod means that we walk together in mission and ministry for our gracious God.
Synod	mission	1989	57, 96b	The mission of Synod is to all nations.
Synod	name	1983	55, 171a	The name of the Synod has become associated with a firm confessional position in the theological world.
Synod	objective	1971	49, 138b	Synod's first objective is the conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Synod	objective	1977	52, 155a	One of the objectives of Synod is the protection of pastors, teachers, and congregations in the performance of their duties and maintenance of their rights.
Synod	objective	1979	53, 92a	The joint extension of the Kingdom of God is an objective of Synod.
Synod	objective	1981	54, 201a	An objective of Synod is to establish and maintain parochial schools.
Synod	objective	1983	55, 148a	Objectives of Synod include establishing Christian schools and training ministers and teachers for service.
Synod	objective	1986	56, 120b	The objective of Synod is to strengthen congregations and their members in giving bold witness in word and deed.
Synod	objective	1986	56, 139b	The first objective of Synod is to promise unity of the true faith, work toward fellowship, and defend against schism, sectarianism, and heresy.
Synod	objective	1995	59, 134a	Since its formation, the education of men for the pastoral office has been a main objective of Synod.
Synod	objective	1998	60, 127b	Synod shall recruit and train pastors, teachers and other Church workers and provide opportunity for

				their continuing growth.
Synod	officers	1905	5b, 22	The congregations of the Synod give the officers the task of keeping watch, especially over the inner spiritual condition.
Synod	offices	1896	4b, 40	Synodical offices are established to ensure that the Word alone is ruling in the Church.
Synod	organization	1969	48, 101b	The organization of a Synod is a human arrangement subject to legal contracts and controls.
Synod	origin	1947	40, 399	The founders of the Synod brought the true and pure Word of God to this country.
Synod	origin	1947	40, 400	The Synod owes a debt of gratitude to the German Churches which helped its beginnings.
Synod	oversight	1923	10, 150	The Synod as guardian of her congregations and pastors has the right to judge and admonish.
Synod	polity	1935	14, 190	Retaining the constitutional limitations of the Board of Directors safeguards the democratic character of the Synod.
Synod	President	1979	53, 112a	The Office of President has both spiritual and administrative duties.
Synod	President	1979	53, 112a	The President of Synod is subject to the same disciplinary procedures as any other pastor.
Synod	purity	1947	40, 400	The Synod is the Church of the pure Word and unadulterated Sacraments.
Synod	purity	1947	40, 476	God has mercifully granted the Synod his holy Word and preserved its doctrine in purity.
Synod	purpose	1887	3e, 27	The Synod helps to arrange external matters so that the Word of God might have full reign among us.
Synod	purpose	1905	5b, 18	The task of the Synod is the teaching of the Gospel.
Synod	purpose	1920	9, 229	The duty of love requires the Synod to strengthen the brothers with all her servants and all her means, especially in times of trouble.
Synod	purpose	1950	41, 398	Thorough confirmation instruction is one of the objects of Synod.
Synod	purpose	1956	43, 486	The primary purpose of Synod is the conservation and promotion of unity of faith and defense against schism and sectarianism.

Synod	purpose	1965	46, 179b	The purpose of the Synod is to bring to public attention the validity of the Scriptural truths which Luther proclaimed.
Synod	purpose	1969	48, 101b	Synod is committed to the conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Synod	purpose	1969	48, 85b	A primary object of Synod is the conservation and promotion of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Synod	purpose	1971	49, 161b	Synod is designed to serve its congregations as outlined in Art. III, 1-8. (Summary included)
Synod	purpose	1971	49, 165a	The first object of Synod is the conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith and a united defense against schism and sectarianism.
Synod	purpose	1971	49, 181a	An objective of Synod is the furtherance of Christian parochial schools.
Synod	purpose	1971	49, 181a	An objective of Synod is the training of ministers and teachers for the Church.
Synod	purpose	1977	52, 209b	Synod is able to train Church workers, conserve the true faith, assist workers in need, and express love in meeting human needs.
Synod	purpose	1983	55, 163a	The purpose for "walking together" as a Synod is to carry out the Great Commission and to train leaders for this purpose.
Synod	purpose	1992	58, 165b	The purpose of Synod includes supporting colleges, universities, and seminaries.
Synod	unity	1884	3d, 30	The unity of the Synod is maintained only through the unity of the Spirit and faith, given by God. External unity follows inner.
Synod	unity	1887	3e, 18	The Synod is held together by faith and love.
Synod	unity	1947	40, 517	Members of Synod are united in faith for the preservation of God's pure Word and Scriptural practice.
Synod	unity	1956	43, 486	The unifying principle of the Synod is the supreme authority of the Word of God.
Synod	unity	1969	48, 115a	Synod enjoys unity in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Synod	unity	1969	48, 115a	Synod exists, under God, as an instrument of reconciliation and unity.

Synod	unity	1971	49, 156a	The conservation and promotion of the unity of the true faith is a basic theme of the Synodical Constitution.
Synod	withdrawal	1944	39, 249	Congregations should follow Matthew 18 before threatening to withdraw from Synod because of doctrinal errors.
Synod	Word of God	1947	40, 476	The future of the Synod depends solely on unwavering loyalty to the Word of God.
Talents	.cf., Stewardship			
Teachers	Black women	1905	5b, 106	The Synodical Conference resolved that black girls should be trained as schoolteachers in the mission to blacks.
Teachers	call	1857	1, 321	The teaching office is a holy call.
Teachers	call	1938	37, 114	Temporary calls for teachers harm both schools and teachers.
Teachers	education	1878	3b, 28	Our future teachers should not even study English in public schools, lest they bring a secular spirit into our congregations' schools.
Teachers	false	1881	3c, 43	The congregations should remove false teachers from their offices.
Teachers	fellowship	1860	1b, 78	A teacher may remain a member of the Synod even if he serves in a school unaffiliated with the Synod as long as he may teach according to the Lutheran Confessions.
Teachers	gift of God	1967	47, 96b	Godly and dedicated teachers and professors are at all times a gift of God to the Church.
Teachers	gift of God	1969	48, 134a	Members of the teaching ministry are gifts of God to the Church and should receive appropriate salaries.
Teachers	gift of God	1971	49, 178b	All members of the teaching ministry are gifts of God to the church and should receive appropriate salaries.
Teachers	honored	1893	4a, 137	The best way to honor the great teachers of the Church is to hold to their doctrine and to zealously confess it before the world
Teachers	honored	1911	6, 200	We should remember and honor those teachers who have taught us God's Word.

Teachers	office	1920	9, 242	The Lutheran Annual will not list teachers as assistant pastors since this won't give them the desired advantage railroad fees anyway.
Teachers	office	1983	55, 179a	The Synod recognizes the unique ministry of its pastors and teachers by allowing them to hold membership in Synod, a privilege not extended to laypersons.
Teachers	qualification	1953	42, 219	Teachers should not only be academically qualified, but also be dedicated to Christ-centered teaching.
Teachers	qualification	1962	45, 76a	Teachers must not only be qualified academically but also have practical experience and be dedicated to Christ-centered teaching.
Teachers	talent	1953	42, 219	Well qualified male teachers should be sought out, so that the Church may employ the talents God has given.
Teachers	women	1896	4b, 124f.	Women teachers who are entrusted with the younger grades of a parochial school should be tested to guarantee that they can teach the pure Word of God.
Teaching	importance	1905	5b, 18	The preparation of competent teachers and preachers is a matter of life and death for the Church.
Teaching	office	1866	2b, 84	Next to the preaching office, the teaching office is the most blessed office of the Church.
Teaching	office	1890	3f, 39	The " <i>Schulamt</i> " is holy and the candidates receive a call.
Teaching	seminary	1860	1b, 61	A seminary faculty is called to lead public doctrine.
Temptation	leisure	1956	43, 750	The leisure time of military men and women presents them with the greatest temptations.
Theologians	importance	1872	2d, 93	Seminary professors can bring the Church to endless blessing through the Word, or they can cause it untold harm through false teaching.
Theology	defined	1911	6, 208	Theology is not a human science but a God-given ability to recognize, explain, proclaim and defend the Word of God for man's salvation.
Theology	diversity	1971	49, 122b	Diversity of CTCR membership allows it to better reflect the overall theological position of Synod.
Theology	formal	1872	2d, 54	The fall of Lutheranism was tied to principle of the unrestrained use of reason.

Theology	German	1911	6, 119	Modern theology of Germany is faithless and erring.
Theology	modern	1899	4c, 34f.	Deceived by science, modern theology has lost the divine truth and has falsified all the chief articles of Christian doctrine.
Theology	research	1965	46, 99b	The Church must be selective in its use of theological research, accepting only what is true.
Theology	science	1874	3a, 38	Although erring theologians misuse science, true theology should strive to use science to its best aid.
Theology	science	1874	3a, 41	We should let science have the greatest use in the service of the Church.
Theology	Scripture	1911	6, 202	The Scripture does not lie; it alone is the source of sound theology; all its doctrines are to be believed, even if we can't see how they agree with one another.
Theology	Scripture	1959	44, 148	The Synod bases its theology on the Scriptures as found in the original languages.
Traditions	good	1902	5a, 80	By a close relationship with the Synod, congregations are able to maintain beneficial traditions, such as parochial schools, Church melodies.
Trinity	Scripture	1893	4a, 30	The doctrine of the Trinity is taught in the Scripture, it does not rest on rational proofs.
Truth	culture	1998	60, 118b	The Church in all ages needs to distinguish between culture and universal truths revealed in Holy Scripture.
Truth	discernment	1902	5a, 37	The Christian Church should make its members wise and knowledgeable so they can discern truth from error.
Truth	gift	1979	53, 151b	The Lord's Spirit equips his Church with gifts and keeps her in the truth of Scripture and the centrality of the Gospel of Jesus.
Truth	gift	1979	53, 154a	The Lord's Spirit equips his Church with gifts and keeps her in the truth of Scripture and the centrality of the Gospel of Jesus.
Truth	knowledge	1908	5c, 80	God leads people through different ways to the knowledge of the truth of the Lutheran doctrine. two parts: one visible, one invisible.
Union	doctrine	1956	43, 519	Organic union should not be considered before doctrinal unity is established.

Union	institutional	1914	7, 53	An organic union of Synods within the Lutheran Synodical Conference is advisable.
Union	Lutheran	1914	7, 56	Dr. Pieper was thanked for his book which presented the doctrines which prevent a true union of the different bodies calling themselves Lutherans.
Union	organic	1917	8, 76	The Synod is willing to organically unite with those synods which confess the same faith with her.
Unionism	American	1899	4c, 35	Unionistic apathy toward doctrine is standard for the American Church.
Unionism	danger	1899	4c, 35	God would cast us away like tasteless salt if we denied the truth of His Word by unionistic practices.
Unionism	defined	1950	41, 692	Unionism includes joint activities in missions, education, and student services despite lack of doctrinal agreement.
Unionism	Lutheran	1965	46, 104b	Membership in the Federation of Lutheran Churches involves no unionism.
Unionism	rejected	1881	3c, 30f	True fellowship is founded upon a common interpretation of a common confession.
Unionism	rejected	1899	4c, 35	The Word of God, the single standard for the Church, requires separation from all who teach contrary to the Word of God.
Unionism	rejected	1905	5b, 72	The Synod refuses to work for social reforms in cooperation with the National Federation of Churches and Christian Workers.
Unionism	rejected	1911	6, 202	When Walther arrived in America, the Lutheran Church was giving itself over to the sects through unionistic practices, apathy toward doctrine. These he countered with proper Lutheran zeal.
Unionism	rejected	1911	6, 205	Walther fought for the true unification of the divided sections of the Church. He sought unity and was not concerned to mandate outward unions.
Unionism	rejected	1914	7, 53	The Synod shows concern that the Old Norwegian Synod is considering uniting with Churches on the basis of theses which do not agree with the doctrine of the Bible and the Book of Concord.
Unionism	rejected	1923	10, 96	An orthodox pastor cannot serve a congregation of mixed confession.
Unionism	rejected	1944	39, 252	Scripture prohibits unionism and endeavors beyond mere cooperation in externals.

Unionism	rejected	1967	47, 92b	Congregations and members of synod join in renouncing unionism and syncretism, such as serving congregations of mixed confession and taking part in services of mixed confession.
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.
Unionism	rejected	1995	59, 125b	We repudiate unionism, i.e., Church fellowship with adherents of false doctrine.
Unionism	rejected	1998	60, 151a	Synodical members renounce unionism and syncretism of every description.
United States	Judeo-Christian	1998	60, 106b	The U.S. was founded on the Judeo-Christian ethic.
Unity	Christian	1967	47, 99b	We recognize the common unity which exists among Christians within the body of Christ.
Unity	Church	1944	39, 248	The Word encourages us to recognize and promote existing unity and prohibits false union.
Unity	Church	1944	39, 248	The Word of God demands unity of faith and doctrine.
Unity	confession	1944	39, 249	Insistence on one doctrinal confession is in keeping with the practice of the Church.
Unity	confessional	1995	59, 118a	Synod rejoices over everything which advances unity among Lutheran Churches which are committed to the authority of Scripture and the Confessions.
Unity	discussion	1995	59, 112b	There is great good when in the unity of the Spirit in the Body of Christ we discuss issues which divide us and use the power of the Gospel which reconciles us.
Unity	evidence	1884	3d, 26	The unity of our Synod is demonstrated by common submission to the Word, love of the Confessions, zeal for the spread of the Gospel, and brotherly love.
Unity	expression	1967	47, 99b	Christians desire to express their unity with all believers in Christ.
Unity	expression	1977	52, 135a	God's people must work for the visible expression of our unity in the confession of Christ.
Unity	external	1983	55, 153a	Scripture mandates the quest for Church fellowship in the sense of the external unity of the Church.
Unity	external	1983	55, 153a	The correct posture toward external unity is to hear and consider differing opinions and judgments to settle the matters with the one simple truth of Christian concord.

Unity	external	1983	55, 153b	Unity with Christ will move every child of God to work toward the unity of the visible Church in confession and love.
Unity	external	1983	55, 154a	We should never lose sight of nor cease striving for outward oneness in the Body of Christ, beginning within the Lutheran family.
Unity	external	1986	56, 145a	God's Word requires Christians to seek external unity in the Church on the basis of agreement in doctrine and practice.
Unity	faith	1998	60, 152a	Only as true doctrine is taught and practiced will unity of the true faith be maintained.
Unity	Gospel	1969	48, 78a	Unity should emphasize faithfulness to the Gospel as expressed in the Scripture and Confessions.
Unity	mandate	1941	38, 301	It is the Lord's will that Christians strive for doctrinal unity.
Unity	opinions	1869	2c, 53 f	Difference of opinion over the sinfulness of taking interest is significant and unity over this issue should be sought in the Church.
Unity	preservation	1969	48, 85b	Preservation of unity should be cultivated in the spirit of Christian love, since all disunity is displeasing to our Lord.
Unity	Scripture	1953	42, 550	Joint study of Scripture is the God-given way to keep and restore true unity.
Unity	Spirit	1995	59, 114a	The unity of the Spirit is promoted through the proper use of Word and Sacrament.
Universities	Concordia	1998	60, 128a	BHE/CUS has training men and women for full-time Church work as its central purpose.
University	dangers	1938	37, 131	The campus and dormitories of universities present sinister influences to students' spiritual lives.
Violence	domestic	1995	59, 145b	Domestic violence and abuse degrades the family, increases suffering, prevents healthy growth and development, and perpetuates unchristian lifestyles.
Violence	sin	1989	57, 105b	The pornography, violence, obscenity, and indecency that permeate the media and everyday life are contrary to God's will and demeaning to all human life.
Violence	sinful	1998	60, 124a	Gratuitous violence and glorification of violence violate the command of God.
Vision	experience	1992	58, 106b	Capturing a global vision for the need to share the Gospel in all the world is sometimes best done

				experientially.
Vision	five-fold	1998	60, 102b	The fivefold vision of Synod is centered in God's Word and in the Lutheran Confessions.
Vision	Synod	1998	60, 118b	Synod's vision includes being Christ centered and people sensitive.
Visions	rejected	1979	53, 121b	God does not give guidance and leadership to the Church today through visions and dreams of direct prophecy.
Visitation	congregation	1905	5b, 23	Originally congregational visitation was a duty of the general president, now it is conducted by district presidents and their assistants.
Visitation	edification	1992	58, 120b	Pastoral visitation is a means of edification in the Church.
Vocation	.cf., Call			
Vocation	Christian	1965	46, 80b	The Christian does God's work in the world through various vocations in the home, Church, and state.
Vocation	mission	1971	49, 109a	All Church members are agents of God's reconciliation in their daily vocation.
Vocation	sanctify	1863	2a, 18	Day and work are sanctified by Word and prayer.
Voting	Confessions	1863	2a, 43	It would be desirable in more mature congregations to require a certain knowledge of the Confessions before one may vote.
Voting	Women	1995	59, 119b	Scripture does not prohibit women from exercising the franchise in congregational assemblies. Woman suffrage is in the realm of Christian liberty.
Walther	gifted by God	1911	6, 200	God blessed Walther with all the natural and spiritual gifts he needed to lead the Lutheran Church in America.
Walther	recognized	1911	6, 190f.	According to the words of Paul that we should remember our teachers, the Synod should commemorate Walther as her chief founder and chief teacher.
Walther	Scripture	1962	45, 163a	Walther stood for Scriptural principles and made significant theological contributions.
Walther	significance	1911	6, 119	Walther is called the Luther of America.

Walther	significance	1911	6, 198	Walther is the chief founder of the Synod, the Luther of the Lutheran Church in America. By God's guiding, Walther continues to be a blessed influence on the entire Church.
Walther	significance	1911	6, 201	Against the hierarchial ideas of his day, Walther fought for the priesthood of all believers and the God-given rights of the congregation.
Walther	significance	1911	6, 203f.	The battle Walther fought for the truth of salvation in Christ continues to gain increasing influence through successive generations.
Walther	significance	1962	45, 143b	God gave the Synod an outstanding theologian in the person of Dr. C. F. W. Walther.
Walther	significance	1983	55, 170b	Rev. Dr. C. F. W. Walther is regarded as one of the most important figures in the history of Lutheranism in America in the 19th century.
War	just	1969	48, 91a	Christians may engage in just wars and serve as soldiers.
War	just	1971	49, 199a	Military power may be necessary for security, but its use must be guided by human rights and values and a desire to establish freedom and justice.
War	punishment	1941	38, 419	Wars and concomitant evils of wars are the results of sin; God allows war as a punishment upon nations.
War	sinful	1967	47, 96b	The complexity of international relations makes it hard to determine that a war is sinful and immoral.
War	unjust	1969	48, 91a	A citizen has the right to refuse to participate in an unjust war.
Wisdom	aging	1979	53, 150b	There is no time in the aging process when growth in wisdom and knowledge is impossible.
Wisdom	divine	1902	5a, 38	The hidden wisdom of God, unknown by the world, has been revealed through the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of Christ.
Witness	.cf., Evangelism			
Witness	daily	1983	55, 143b	Personal witness should be part of the daily life of a Christian.
Witness	discipline	1962	45, 112a	How we deal with frailties and offenses is a part of our Gospel witness.
Witness	equality	1989	57, 156a	Christians are called to give witness to that grace by which all people are entitled to received quality

				care and humane treatment.
Witness	motivation	1979	53, 153a	In response to God's divine love and Great Commission, his people are emboldened to proclaim his works and mercy.
Witness	necessary	1967	47, 158b	Faithfulness to Christ necessitates a witness against Christless religious organizations.
Witness	pastor	1983	55, 141a	The pastor is the called witness to witnesses.
Witness	ready	1969	48, 85a	We should always be ready to bear witness to our faith in Christ as our Lord and Savior and the Bible as the Word of God.
Witness	service	1992	58, 172b	Lutheran Christians are called to witness His grace and love by the example of service.
Witness	written	1979	53, 153a	The written word has proven to be an effective and enlivening form of proclamation.
Women	authority	1953	42, 483	It is a general Scriptural principle that woman should not usurp authority over men in the home and in the Church.
Women	authority	1977	52, 134a	God forbids women to publicly teach and preach the Word to men and to hold any office or vote in the Church where this involves exercising authority over men.
Women	Church work	1941	38, 405	Women should be enlisted into Church work without sacrificing their Scriptural position in the Church.
Women	gifts of God	1965	46, 103a	faithful women who perform varied services to the congregation are gifts of God to his Church.
Women	gifts of God	1971	49, 195b	God has given to His Church great gifts in consecrated and able women.
Women	gifts of God	1989	57, 110b	The Lord has bestowed gifts on both men and women of the Church, the priesthood of all believers.
Women	missionary	1944	39, 166	It is necessary that wives of foreign missionaries be active in their husband's work.
Women	offices	1986	56, 144a	Women may hold positions as long as they are not directly involved in the specific functions of the pastoral office and this service does not violate the order of creation.
Women	offices	1989	57, 118a	Women may hold any office and serve any committee which enhances the work of the priesthood of all believers.

Women	offices	1989	57, 118a	Women may not serve in offices which involve public accountability for the function of the pastoral office.
Women	offices	1989	57, 118a	Women may not serve in the offices of elder, chairman, or vice-chairman of the congregation.
Women	ordination	1971	49, 114b	God said women should be silent in the Churches and not have authority over men.
Women	ordination	1971	49, 114b	Scriptural statements about silence and authority forbid women from holding the pastoral office or performing its distinctive functions.
Women	ordination	1971	49, 136b	The matter of women's ordination involves the authority of Scripture.
Women	ordination	1977	52, 134a	Synod opposes the ordination of women to the pastoral ministry.
Women	ordination	1977	52, 134a	Verses which direct women to be silent mean that women ought not hold the pastoral office or service in any of its distinctive functions.
Women	ordination	1986	56, 144a	Those verses which direct women to keep silent and prohibit them to teach and exercise authority over a man are understood to mean that women ought not hold the pastoral office or service in its distinctive functions.
Women	ordination	1986	56, 144b	Scriptures prohibit the ordination of women.
Women	priesthood	1992	58, 114a	Women and men are equally members of the priesthood of all believers by faith in Jesus Christ. Both are called to declare His deeds.
Women	roles	1971	49, 195b	The changing roles of women has theological implications.
Women	service	1989	57, 118a	The Gospel images and expectations of women present strong and persistent recognition of the active and vital role of service that women offer.
Women	suffrage	1863	2a, 34 f	Although women have the right to vote, they are expressly forbidden its exercise by God.
Women	suffrage	1923	10, 230	Women's suffrage in the Church is a practical question of polity, not a principle of doctrine.
Women	suffrage	1938	37, 346	According to Dr. Pieper, women are not granted voting membership in Synodical congregations.

Women	suffrage	1953	42, 484	Synod has based its position on woman suffrage on the biblical principle found in 1 Cor. 14:34 and 1 Tim. 2:11-12.
Women	suffrage	1959	44, 190	The historic position of the Synod (against suffrage) is based on sound Scriptural principles.
Women	suffrage	1971	49, 116a	woman may vote in a congregation as long as the polity does not allow women to hold the pastoral office or exercise authority over men.
Women	suffrage	1986	56, 144a	Synod reaffirms woman suffrage and the right to permit women to hold congregational or Synodical office by election or appointment.
Women	teachers	1926	11, 77	According to God's Word, women may be employed for certain church work, including some departments of teaching.
Word of God	.cf., Scripture, Bible			
Word of God	applied	1971	49, 110a	The Law and Gospel are to be proclaimed and applied to all conditions of mankind.
Word of God	authority	1890	3f, 21	The Word is to rule in our conventions and institutions.
Word of God	authority	1890	3f, 46	Praise God that the Word of God still rules in our college at Ft. Wayne.
Word of God	authority	1893	4a, 26	The Word has an inerrant authority.
Word of God	authority	1893	4a, 44	Only doctrine of the Word of God may be preached in the Church.
Word of God	authority	1899	4c, 35	We believe the Scripture is the inspired Word of God because the Holy Spirit has convinced us of the singular authority of Scripture.
Word of God	authority	1944	39, 249	Only Holy Writ is our guide; every aberration which destroys the Church's foundation divides the Church.
Word of God	authority	1959	44, 192	All matters of doctrine and conscience shall be decided only by the Word of God See Constitution.
Word of God	blessings	1947	40, 476	All the blessings of the Synod are solely due to the Word of God.
Word of God	Church	1965	46, 170b	The Word of God's love in Christ must always be the first and only source of the Church's faith and work.

Word of God	communicated	1969	48, 135b	God communicates His edifying Word to a disturbed world by His Spirit through His people.
Word of God	effective	1852	1, 203	The Word, no matter who speaks it, makes the believer a king, priest, and prophet.
Word of God	effective	1893	4a, 84	The proclamation of eternal life is never in vain.
Word of God	effective	1899	4c, 28	The Word of God convicts by mere contact with the human spirit. It demonstrates itself to be the Word of God, since the Spirit works through it.
Word of God	effective	1902	5a, 83	God has promised that His Word will not return to Him void, therefore we should continue to support mission even when there are no immediate results.
Word of God	effective	1902	5a, 95	God's Word will accomplish His purposes in mission. Even if we don't now see the results, the last day will make it clear.
Word of God	effective	1917	8, 40	Though the visible fruit may be small, God's Word does not return void.
Word of God	efficacious	1995	59, 122b	God's Word does not return empty but accomplishes what he wants.
Word of God	gift	1967	47, 92a	God in His grace has given us His holy Word.
Word of God	inerrant	1893	4a, 27	Already early Church fathers had to busy themselves with the task of clarifying supposed errors and contradictions in the Bible.
Word of God	inspiration	1893	4a, 27	The authors of Scripture did not write anything other than what the Holy Spirit gave them.
Word of God	inspired	1899	4c, 33	Those who deny the inspiration of the Scriptures remove the only foundation of Christian faith.
Word of God	Israel	1899	4c, 24	Israel's advantage over the other nations was that she alone had the Word of God.
Word of God	language	1899	4c, 73	God will bless the preaching of His Word, whether it is in English or German.
Word of God	Law and Gospel	1893	4a, 50	In the Church the Gospel should be received and held by all and the Law should exercise its three-fold use.
Word of God	means of grace	1881	3c, 19	The Word is the single instrument which God has given his pastors to employ.

Word of God	needed	1899	4c, 24	Only the Word of God serves as the bridge between fallen man and God.
Word of God	norm	1995	59, 113b	The Word of God is the only rule and norm of Christian faith and life.
Word of God	perspicuity	1893	4a, 45	The Word is clear in all its teachings, even and especially to the simple.
Word of God	poverty	1905	5b, 105	The single means by which the poor blacks can be aided is alone the pure Word of God.
Word of God	power	1899	4c, 25	The Word of God has divine, almighty, creative power; it makes the spiritually dead new, spiritual, and alive.
Word of God	power	1899	4c, 31	The Word is more powerful than the world and all its forces and is able to protect the Church from its evil influences.
Word of God	power	1902	5a, 85	A little Word of God can overcome Satan. This is the weapon of Christian mission.
Word of God	preaching	1866	2b, 65	As long as the Word is received, God allows preaching; when no one will receive it, he removes it.
Word of God	preservation	1959	44, 148	Gratitude for the pure Word obligates us to its preservation.
Word of God	private use	1899	4c, 30	The Word of God should be daily read in all the homes of the congregation.
Word of God	proclaimed	1899	4c, 27	We must only proclaim the Word to people; logic and rhetoric must remain servants of the Word.
Word of God	reason	1899	4c, 27f.	Christ gave the Church the task to proclaim the Word, not to make it acceptable to reason through demonstrations of proof.
Word of God	relevance	1965	46, 184a	Publications should show the relevance of the Word of God without denying or distorting Scripture and the Confessions.
Word of God	resistible	1899	4c, 27	The Word has divine power, but man may resist this power and rob himself of its intended result.
Word of God	seminary	1905	5b, 26	The seminary continues to serve as a school of the prophets where teachers and students are led by the Word of God.
Word of God	stewardship	1860	1b, 3 f	Sermon, Matt. 13:12, The necessity of proving ourselves faithful stewards of the Gospel we have been given.

Word of God	study	1953	42, 283	Personal use and study of God's Word is a natural expression of fellowship with Christ and a desire to serve him.
Word of God	Valparaiso	1967	47, 161a	Valparaiso University expresses loyalty to the Synod's position and the Word of God.
Word of God	value	1905	5b, 25f.	As long as pastors continue to study the Word and discuss it at conferences, as long as lay members hear and read it, the Synod will remain strong. Word on account of his office.
Workers	affirmation	1992	58, 168b	Acts of affirmation and expressions of thanks to God for fellow members of the Body of Christ are Biblical and instrumental in edification.
Workers	health	1979	53, 155b	Professional Church workers need to be physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy to serve effectively.
Workers	health	1989	57, 155a	The whole Church has a commitment to support emotionally and spiritually congregational workers and to develop healing relationships.
Workers	pay	1917	8, 57	Pastors and teachers should be cared for as God's Word commands and their station requires.
Workers	recruitment	1989	57, 149a	Pastors and congregations have a crucial role in encouraging young men and women to study for Church vocations.
Workers	retirement	1977	52, 196a	Scripture implies that honor and respect should be given to retired pastors and teachers.
Workers	stewardship	1983	55, 135b	Synod has an investment in the good stewardship of the talents entrusted to it in the lives and training of its workers.
Workers	theology	1981	54, 194a	All Church workers face the need to continue growing in theology and its proper application.
Works	God	1881	3c, 76	God is not dependent on our good works; he can accomplish his purposes without us, but we would miss the opportunity to do good.
Works	orthodoxy	1884	3d, 26	The true Church does not live by works, neither does it remain without them.
World	evil	1962	45, 137b	The world is full of trouble, sorrow, and need; it is terrorized and exploited by evil forces and ruthless and godless men.

World	fallen	1971	49, 126a	The children of God are living in a fallen world.
World	lost	1967	47, 84a	The vast majority of the world is without Christ and without hope and in need of the Gospel.
Worship	attendance	1899	4c, 30	That the Word of God may be fully active in the congregation, worship should be regularly attended.
Worship	ceremonies	1890	3f, 71	The congregations of the English mission follow the ceremonies of the Synod unless they are determined to do otherwise.
Worship	confessional	1971	49, 113b	Synod's theological resources should be shared in efforts to provide confessionally sound worship materials for all Lutherans.
Worship	decency	1941	38, 328	The apostolic injunction for decency and order argues against changing the wording of the hymnal.
Worship	education	1926	11, 60	Students should be trained in music so that the deplorable state of our liturgical services might be improved.
Worship	family	1953	42, 283	Daily family worship permits greater knowledge of Scripture, facilitates Christian education, and develops a spirit of reverence.
Worship	frequent	1959	44, 223	Churches are responsible for providing frequent opportunities for worship, for communing, and for learning through the service.
Worship	God-given	1956	43, 614	Lutheran hymns, liturgies and music are some of the precious gifts of God to our Church.
Worship	heterodox	1969	48, 105a	Unionism includes taking part in services and rites of heterodox congregations.
Worship	home	1850	1, 137	Home worship may not be displaced by daily corporate worship.
Worship	importance	1983	55, 175b	Worship in Word and Sacrament is a vital function of the Church and as such its importance must be strongly emphasized.
Worship	lay	1857	1, 407	In areas where Lutheran pastors are not available, the laity should be taught to organize reading services.
Worship	lay	1899	4c, 97	Pastor Rebane organizes reading services among the Latvians and Estonians in America.

Worship	lay	1908	5c, 102	In the absence of a pastor, a layman (in this case, a teacher) leads a "reading service."
Worship	lay	1920	9, 121	When the public German services were forbidden in Brazil, the pastors organized reading services among the people. (<i>Lesegottesdienst</i>)
Worship	liturgy	1995	59, 123a	The historic liturgy of the Lutheran Church focuses on the objective and gracious work of God delivering forgiveness through Word and Sacrament.
Worship	Lord's Supper	1995	59, 113b	The Lord's Supper is at the center of worship, not an appendage or an occasional extra.
Worship	private	1953	42, 283	Daily use of the Word of God and daily prayer are normal expressions of Christian discipleship.
Worship	relevance	1962	45, 144	Worship and music should reflect the relevancy of faith to life in all its aspects.
Worship	review	1971	49, 114b	Worship is such a theologically and psychologically sensitive area that "unauthorized" practices tend to disturb people.
Worship	service	1977	52, 136b	A service is any occasion in which public worship of God occurs.
Worship	standards	1857	1, 321	Only orthodox agendas are in use.
Worship	standards	1860	1b, 24	Only orthodox agendas are in use.
Worship	standards	1977	52, 127a	Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms is a condition of Synodical membership.
Worship	Synod	1981	54, 159b	Membership in Synod involves the renunciation of taking part in services of heterodox congregations.
Worship	uniformity	1857	1, 322	Uniformity in worship is desirable.
Worship	uniformity	1860	1b, 24	Uniform liturgy gives outward expression to the unity of the Spirit.
Worship	uniformity	1914	7, 42	It is desirable for German and English church books to maintain a certain uniformity of forms.
Worship	uniformity	1941	38, 328	In the interest of uniformity, it is very desirable for all congregations to use the same hymnal.
Worship	uniformity	1965	46, 185b	Common faith can be expressed through uniform texts and settings of liturgy and music.

Writers	talent	1979	53, 153a	God entrusts to each generation sons and daughters with the necessary talents to communicate in writing.
Youth	blessing	1986	56, 133a	There is a blessing to involve youth in the total ministry of the congregation.
Youth	Church	1971	49, 217b	The Church needs to hear the youth on the concerns before the Church.
Youth	clubs	1923	10, 160	A youth group, properly supervised by pastor and congregation, can be a blessing to both congregation and Synod.
Youth	enthusiasm	1923	10, 160	Youth groups can develop a dangerous enthusiasm, harmful to the work of the congregation and Synod.
Youth	gatherings	1977	52, 183a	Large Lutheran youth gatherings can provide experiences that are Christ-centered and spiritually rewarding.
Youth	gift of God	1969	48, 114a	Youth who are dedicated to Christ and to His Church are a blessing of God.
Youth	gifted	1983	55, 143a	Young people, along with adults have been given special abilities and gifts for service in the ongoing work of the Church.
Youth	gifted	1986	56, 133a	Youth are the Church of today and the leadership of tomorrow, who bring gifts of God to the Church for the sake of all God's people.
Youth	heritage	1967	47, 148b	Lutheran youth have a common heritage in the Gospel and a common problem in applying their faith and life in a secular age.
Youth	ideologies	1950	41, 409	Philosophies of materialism, secularism, and atheistic communism are dangerous to youth.
Youth	importance	1969	48, 137b	Youth represents a unique and vital subculture both in society and in the Church.
Youth	literature	1920	9, 156	The church has the duty to provide proper Christian literature for young people in order to nourish the seed planted in school and confirmation classes.
Youth	literature	1935	14, 234	Children should be encouraged to read books which will not injure their salvation.
Youth	loss	1935	14, 107	The number of youth who drift away from Church after confirmation is a pathetic loss.

Youth	membership	1981	54, 197b	Young people are living out their lives as members of the Church now, as they proclaim and serve their Lord.
Youth	ministry	1965	46, 162b	Ministry among youth belongs to the entire Church.
Youth	ministry	1981	54, 197b	Effective youth ministry needs to happen in the parish on a day-to-day basis.
Youth	ministry	1981	54, 198b	God has blessed young people as well as adults with gifts for ministry.
Youth	pastor	1953	42, 364	The pastor is the key person in the youth program of the local congregation.
Youth	service	1935	14, 107	Many congregations fail to develop and employ the talents of young people in their work.
Youth	stewardship	1965	46, 163a	Financial responsibility for youth ministry rests with the whole Church.
Youth	supervision	1941	38, 325	The Synod dedicates itself to watch over its youth, so imperiled in these last times.
Youth	temptations	1938	37, 124	Newly confirmed youth are particularly susceptible to dangerous and evil temptations.
Youth	witness	1959	44, 230	Christian youth need to be trained as witnesses.

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