

1 **Ov. L6-23**

2 **To Give God Praise and Glory for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne’s 175th**
3 **Anniversary**

4 WHEREAS, Wilhelm Löhe, Friedrich Wyneken, and Wilhelm Sihler established “The German Evangelical
5 Lutheran Preacher’s Seminary of Fort Wayne, Indiana,” in 1846 to form servants who would “cling to the saving
6 doctrine and remain in what has been entrusted to them, just as the right church—called Lutheran—from the beginning
7 accepts God’s word, confesses, and teaches it” (Wilhelm Sihler, “The Lutheran Seminary at Fort Wayne,” trans. Erika
8 Flores, *Der Lutheraner* vol. 3, no. 5, 29–30); and

9 WHEREAS, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, (CTSFW) was specifically founded to address two
10 needs: a clear Lutheran confession coupled with a vigorous missionary effort; and

11 WHEREAS, The vision of its founders continues to shape CTSFW’s mission as a vibrant, Christ-centered
12 theological community that engages and resources the church and world, domestically and internationally, with
13 distinctively Lutheran teaching, practice, and worship; and

14 WHEREAS, CTSFW has grown both in size and in the strength of its academic program. It has been privileged to
15 provide the church with nearly 10,000 pastors and missionaries who have served the Lord of the Church throughout
16 the United States and world; and

17 WHEREAS, With thanks to God’s gracious and generous provision through the gifts of His people, the pastoral
18 and diaconal students on campus have their tuition expenses covered 100%. The ongoing support from the people and
19 congregations of the LCMS is essential so our future pastors and deaconesses can enter the service to which God has
20 called them unencumbered by overwhelming material concerns; and

21 WHEREAS, Concordia Theological Seminary will begin its 175th academic year in September 2020; therefore be
22 it

23 *Resolved*, That the people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod be encouraged to give thanks to God for
24 His grace to us through CTSFW these 175 years; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the people of the church be commended for their support and encouraged to continue partnering
26 with Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne in its mission to form servants in Jesus Christ who teach the
27 faithful, reach the lost, and care for all; and be it finally

28 *Resolved*, That following the adoption of this resolution the delegates and guests of this 67th regular Convention
29 of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod rise and sing the common doxology.

30 Approved by action of the Board of Regents

31 1 June 2019

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33 William M. Cwirla, secretary

