

Resolution to Continue the Discussion of Increasing Diversity within LSM

Lutheran Student Movement in the United States of America:

Recognizes that:

- Lutheran Student Movement in the United States of America (LSM-USA) has shown a decrease in diversity over the past decade.
- This has been seen partially by the difficulty in filling the position previously known as Secretary of International and Multicultural Concerns (SIMC).
- Diversity has been discussed over the past few years but no action has been taken to start the process in resolving the problem.
- Racism and social injustices continue to plague our organization, our church, and our world.
- Members of LSM have concerns regarding their perception of a lack of diversity within the organization.

Resolves to:

- Continue the conversation and study of diversity in LSM.

Further Resolves to:

- Have the LSM national council research and discuss ways to increase our diversity and our ability to welcome and include minority groups of all types in every facet of LSM.
- Begin discussions nationally, regionally, and locally to get each member's input on this issue.
- Report on the findings and present them at the 2009 National Gathering.
- Make recommendations based on the findings on how to move forward with diversifying our movement.

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