

Floor Committee #2: Conference of Presidents

Subject: Memorial (2023-01), Pastoral brief on critical theories in light of Scripture

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, p. 169

Resolution No. 03 (Revised)

- WHEREAS 1) All of humanity is created in the image of God and stand equally condemned in original sin before him (Genesis 9:6; Psalm 9:8; James 3:9); and
- WHEREAS 2) Jesus is the Savior of all and his church includes people from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Revelation 7:9); and
- WHEREAS 3) the concepts of justice and equality, properly understood, are thoroughly biblical (1 Kings 3:9; Psalm 82:3; Isaiah 1:17); and
- WHEREAS 4) in our world, the concepts of justice and equality have been toppled from their theological foundations and distorted; and
- WHEREAS 5) the prevalence of “critical theory”; “critical race theory”; “diversity, equity, and inclusion”; “social justice”; and related theories are causing confusion and concern; therefore be it
- Resolved, that the WELS Conference of Presidents prepare a pastoral brief emphasizing the importance of justice and analyzing critical theories in light of Scripture.

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