

ORIGINAL

Mustard Seed Initiative Mission Expansion

Whereas the mustard seed initiative passed by memorial at the 2022 synod assembly was a great inspiration for generating new ideas of ministry opportunity

Whereas the mustard seed initiative initiated idea generation among the conferences.

Whereas some ideas spent some time trying to gain traction with concern if it matched all the parameters of the mustard seed memorial

Whereas some of these ideas were solid opportunity for mission centered ministry

Whereas some of these ideas sought to reach into an ecumenical spirit

Whereas some of these ideas also sought to reach towards interfaith ministry Whereas ministry in a new context we are in may need to present presence before doctrine

Be it resolved that the Mustard Seed Initiative be expanded to include mission sites and programs, on a schedule and at a location that the conference approves, that include activities beyond bible study, prayer, and the small catechism to connect people to faith practices.

REVISION #1

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Submitted by Conference 2 Introduced by the Rev. Christina Hough

WHEREAS the Mustard Seed Mission Initiative memorial adopted during the 2022 Synod Assembly has inspired the generation of new ideas for ministry opportunities among our conferences, and

WHEREAS the implementation of some mission ideas was delayed by concerns as to their agreement with all the parameters of the Mustard Seed Mission Initiative, and

WHEREAS these delayed ideas presented viable opportunities for mission centered ministry, some seeking to engage with our ecumenical and interfaith neighbors, and

WHEREAS ecumenical and/or interfaith ministry may need to present presence before doctrine,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mustard Seed Mission Initiative be expanded to include mission sites and programs, on a schedule and at a location that the host conference approves, which include activities beyond Bible study, prayer, and reading Luther's Small Catechism in order to connect people of diverse faith practices.