**Resolutions presented by the Synod Council**

**Synod Council Resolution # 2: To Change the Synod Constitution Regarding the Spending Authority of the Synod Council**

**Proposed S15.13.02: The Synod Council shall have the authority to enter into contracts or otherwise incur expenses up to 5% of the approved budget, exclusive of mission support funds anticipated to be distributed to the ELCA, for items not included in the budget but determined to be necessary for the effective operation of the Synod or to fund prior year commitments to ministries or mission initiatives where such activities were underfunded in the previous fiscal year.**

(Note: Because this is a change to the Synod Constitution, the proposed amendment will be presented at the 2014 Synod Assembly and will be voted on at the 2015 Synod Assembly).