

Policy Regarding Resolutions for Western District Conference Delegate Discussion and Action

1. WDC encourages the development of resolutions that educate, build consensus, provide an area conference understanding while acknowledging dissenting voices and provide a foundation for member advocacy to government. (See Mennonite Church USA Resolutions, April 2005)
2. The preferred process for developing resolutions should begin with study/discussion at the congregational level with study documents prepared and distributed before resolutions are crafted for delegate action. The WDC Executive Board, commissions and task forces are encouraged to provide adequate preparation in order for delegates to discern action.
3. Any substantive issue regarding faith and life should be discerned through congregations or WDC commissions and task forces and submitted for consideration to the WDC Executive Board 90 days prior to annual conference sessions. Substantive resolutions will be printed in the delegate workbook for delegate action. A Resolutions Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, may bring resolutions at the annual conference sessions that meet a broad consensus (i.e., responding to an immediate crisis, a thank you statement, etc.) and will have the authority to receive and edit ideas for such resolutions.
4. A resolution is more than just a document but it is a process where we engage issues with respect and Christian love. (See “Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love”)

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