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| 3.4.7. That LWF commend to the churches that all educational opportunities be made available to women and men on the basis of complete equality. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | education, equality | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 207. |
| 3.4.8. That LWF develop special programs to equip women for leading positions in the church. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | programs, leadership | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 207. |
| 3.4.17. That LWF, during the evaluation of the Seventh Assembly and in planning for the next Assembly, appoint a special group to give attention to its educational processes and specially to informal learning. The following aspects are of special importance: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | education | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 208. |
| 3.4.17.4. The educational effects of including or excluding women, children, youth, and person with disabling conditions. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | inclusion, exclusion | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 209. |
| 6.1. To request the LWF Committee: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | request | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 224. |
| 6.1.1. To develop a plan that would, with the co-operation of the member churches and the national committees, become effective at the Eight Assembly and provide that 40 per cent of the delegates at the Eight Assembly be women, and that 50 per cent of the delegates at the Ninth and all subsequent LWF Assemblies be women. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | quota, gender balance | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 224. |
| 6.1.2. To give consideration to preparing a representation formula that will provide: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | provision | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 224. |

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| 6.1.2.1. That membership of the LWF Executive Committee, the commissions, and the appointed advisory/governing committees, each and separately, be comprised of at least 40 per cent women and at least 40 per cent men. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | quota, gender balance, committee | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 224. |
| 6.1.2.2. That the Officers as a group at least 40 per cent be women and at least 40 per cent be men, and that regional representation be considered in their selection. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | quota, gender balance, officers | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 224. |
| 6.2. To request LWF Executive Committee to exert effort to: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | request | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.2.1. Increase the number of women employed as programmatic and supervisory staff until at least 50 per cent of the persons serving in such responsibilities are women. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | quota, gender balance, women staff | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.2.2. Employ one programmatic and supervisory staff member for the Women's Desk in addition to the existing programmatic and survey assistant within the next three years. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | employ, staff member | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.3. To recommend to the LWF Executive Committee that the Womens's Desk be requested: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | request | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.3.1. To train women (volunteers, employed leaders) working with women in the church and In women's organizations. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | training, leadership | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |

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| 6.3.2. To provide consultative services to assist in planning and conducting leadership development programs appropriate to the regional and local needs of the women. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | programs, leadership | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.4. To encourage the LWF member churches to increase the opportunities and provide adequate funds for leadership development programs in local settings. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | programs, leadership, funds | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 225. |
| 6.5. To urge the LWF and member churches to undertake the following survey tasks, addressed to both men and women: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | survey, women and men issues, study | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.5.1. Survey on anthropology related to identify of women and men, including the influence of culture and tradition on participation and partnership, in terms of a holistic, biblical, and theological interpretation. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | survey, partnership, biblical, theological, study | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.5.2. Utilization of participatory methods of survey and work in co-operation with other disciplines, such as psychology and sociology, as well as other surveys groups, in identifying and implementing survey projects. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | survey, projects, study | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.5.3. Focus on sexism as a special questions of anthropology and Christian ethics. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | sexism, gender issues, study | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6. To encourage the LWF and the member churches to engage in study and provide education: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | provision, education, study | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |

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| 6.6.1. To identify the violence to women caused by their structures, theological teachings, use of language, and at times silence. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | violence, theological, language | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6.2. To help members of the Christian community to express feelings of anger, anxiety, depression I forms other than violence, remembering the human rights of individuals in personal relationships. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | violence, human rights | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6.3. To help members of the Christian community to express concern about other forms of violence, such as those manifested toward pre-born children and women in abortion, remembering the dignity of all human life. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | violence, abortion, children | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6.4. To enable seminary teachers, students church leaders, lay, and clergy to deal with these issues of violence against women. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | violence, women issues, theological, seminaries, study | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6.5. To make people aware of influence of the media in transmitting role models and fostering a tendency to use violence to control others and resolve conflicts. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | role models, violence, conflicts | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 226. |
| 6.6.6. To enable people to be advocates for victims of personal / family violence and provide sanctuary, legal protection, counseling, and economic assistance to them. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | family, domestic, violence | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 227. |
| 6.6.7. To enable people to work actively for just laws for victims of personal / family violence. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | human rights, law, family, violence | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 227. |

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| 6.7. To urge the LWF member churches that do not ordain women to take specific steps toward an affirmative action. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | women ordination, churches | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 227. |
| 6.8. To urge the LWF member churches that do ordain women to develop policies that ensure equality in service opportunities and benefits. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | policies, women ordination, equality, churches | strategic | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 227. |
| 8.1. To recommend to the LWF Executive Committee that the Commissions work be intensified in the following areas: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | recommendation | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 234. |
| 8.1.1. Since agricultural production is much more than the growing of food and fibres, World Service should: | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | agriculture | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 234. |
| 8.1.1.2. Recognize the right of all persons to receive a fair wage for their services, especially rural people who labor in the essential activity of the production. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | human rights, rural, agriculture | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 234. |
| 8.1.1.4. Enable all people, especially women and youth, to participate in the intensification of food production and in changes of consumption patterns. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | women in food production | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 235. |
| 8.1.4. Emphasis should be given to the particular involvement of women, not only in addressing their needs in situation of poverty and hunger, but also in planning, leadership, and implementing of programs. | The LWF 7th Assembly in Budapest | 1984 | poverty, hunger, leadership, programs | practical | LWF Report February 1985 No 18/20 - Proceedings of the Seventh Assembly "In Christ we Hope", page 235. |

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| <p>We commit ourselves – and urge our members churches – to be fully involved in ecumenical encounter and co-operation at all levels of church life. We urge our churches to encourage and nurture greater local awareness, practice and reception of the agreements and results emerging from bilateral and multilateral ecumenical dialogues.</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | <p>inclusion, communion, ecumenical, dialogue</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |
| <p>We commit ourselves and our member churches to intensify our efforts to be a sign of an inclusive communion in the world.</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | <p>inclusion, communion</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |
| <p>To that end, we will:</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | | | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |
| <p>Work out a clear plan of action in every member church which fully expresses the equality of men and women within the life of the church and enables the churches to benefit from the potential which women are able to give all areas of church life;</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | <p>equality, leadership</p> | <p>practical</p> | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |
| <p>Undertake, through consultation and cooperation of all member churches and in a climate of mutual respect, practical efforts to open the way for women to enter the ordained ministry of all member churches;</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | <p>women ordination, churches</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |
| <p>Initiate and participate in programs of the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women.</p> | <p>The LWF 8th Assembly in Curitiba</p> | <p>1990</p> | <p>ecumenical, solidarity</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>LWF Report December 1990 No 28/29 - Proceeding of the Eight Assembly "I have heard the cry of my people", page 82.</p> |

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| <p>QUOTA AND COMPETENCE - The LWF Executive Committee in its capacity as Personnel Committee of the LWF adopted the revised personnel policies last year. As a consequence a new set of personnel regulations is being drafted for my authorization later this year. A new constitution of the Staff Representative Council is in preparation adjusting this important document to the new situation and with a view to enhancing participation and transparency in staff matters without abrogating the final administrative responsibility of the general secretary. The report of the director for personnel offers further details and statistics, including the happy note that in terms of programs staff in Geneva, the LWF has reached the quota of at least 40 percent of each gender based on "competence first" – an achievement which is unparalleled among international organizations and, to my knowledge, in our member churches. This has enriched our daily work in Geneva through a great variety of gifts and skills. I hope that LWF by this recruitment policy, based on competence first, may set an example to</p> | <p>Madras Council</p> | <p>1992</p> | <p>quota, balance, staff, competence, work, policies</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>Minutes of Madras Council, September 1992, page 4.</p> |
| <p><u>CALLED TO BE A COMMUNION IN CHRIST</u> – Ecumenical Commitment of the LWF: Looking back on 50 years of growing ecumenical LWF and grateful for all the work which was done in bilateral dialogues, we commit ourselves to call upon the LWF and its member churches:</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | | | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 47.</p> |
| <p>To continue implementing ecumenical activities in connection with the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998) and with the resolution taken at the 1990 LWF Assembly at the local, national, and international levels;</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | <p>ecumenical, solidarity</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 47.</p> |
| <p><u>CALLED TO BE A LIVING COMMUNION</u> – In The Midst Of Cultural Plurality: Incarnational Presence:</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | | | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 48.</p> |
| <p>To promote cultural sensitivity and the growth of truly inclusive and loving community life in our congregations;</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | <p>inclusion, communion, congregations</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 48.</p> |
| <p><u>CALLED TO BE A LIVING COMMUNION</u> - Issues we face: We commit ourselves to call on the member churches of the LWF:</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | | | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 49.</p> |
| <p>To actively examine, study and promote gender awareness as it impinges upon theology, education, economics, human sexuality (including sexual harassment, violence and abuse), power sharing in the church and community, and family life;</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | <p>study, sexuality, theology, education, leadership</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 50.</p> |
| <p>To discuss the Platform for Action of the 1995 UN World Conference on Women and its implementation;</p> | <p>The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong</p> | <p>1997</p> | <p>United Nations, action</p> | <p>strategic</p> | <p>The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 50.</p> |

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| To discuss the report "We are Witnesses" from the 1995 LWF International Consultation on Women and Implement its programs; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | consultation, witnesses | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 51. |
| To put into practice the decisions concerning women's ordination of the 1990 LWF Council in Windhoek. | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | womens ordination, council, windhoek | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 51. |
| <u>CALLED TO BE A WITNESSING COMMUNITY</u> – Through Communication: Value, Power and the Information Society: We commit ourselves to call on member churches for a renewed fulfillment of our communication vocation which stands in the service of Christ and his church by the following: | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | | | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 55. |
| Develop new programs to insure the full participation of women and men, young and old, in the communication activities of both the Federation and member churches; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | inclusion, communication | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 55. |
| <u>CALLED TO BE A WITNESSING COMMUNITY</u> – Through advocacy: human rights, justice, peace and reconciliation: Within this framework we commit ourselves | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | | | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 60. |
| To see, listen and respond to those whose rights are violated; to examine and educate our own church communities for violations of human rights; to engage in political advocacy work to national and international bodies. | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | human rights, advocacy, community | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 60. |
| <u>ORDINATION OF WOMEN</u> - Be it resolved that the Assembly: recalls the decisions of the Eight Assembly of the LWF, Curitiba, Brazil (1990), and of the LWF Council meeting in Windhoek, Namibia (1995) and votes: | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | votes | | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| To reaffirm the commitment to women's ordination, as an expression of the communion of all baptized in Christ in giving witness to the gospel, | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | women ordination, witness | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| To support the reflection and dialogue of the member churches on the issue of the ordained ministry in a spirit of love and mutual respect; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | women ordination, ministry, churches | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |

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| To undertake, through study, consultation and dialogue, practical efforts to open the way for women to enter the ordained ministry of all member churches; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | study, women ordination | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| To work out the implications of the LWF as communion of churches in full fellowship for the ordained ministry; and | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | women ordination | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| To call upon all member churches to provide and intensify theological education for women and to facilitate the ordination of women. | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | study, women ordination, churches, seminaries | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| <u>EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AS A MEANS OF FULL INCLUSION IN THE SOCIETY</u> - Be it resolved that the Assembly Calls on the member churches and the LWF secretariat to: | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | | | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Promote economic literacy and leadership training workshops, seminars and consultations for women; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | economic literacy, leaderships, workshops, seminars, consultation | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Assign a percentage of the global budget to programs and projects which aim to empower women; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | empower, economic | practical | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Create programs of investment and small-scale credit accessible to women; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | funds, credit, investment | practical | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Assure that the programs of the LWF Desk for Women in Church and Society are well funded; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | WICAS, funds | practical | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Re-affirm and follow up the goals of the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, which ends in 1998; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | solidarity | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |

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| Instill gender awareness and make sure that gender is taken seriously in all projects to be developed be ensuring that they are considered and approved by a balanced gender group; and | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | gender awareness, gender balance | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| Calls on the Council to ensure that only those theological schools which provide equal access to theological education for both women and men receive funds from the LWF. | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | council, theological, education, funds | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 64. |
| <u>WOMEN IN THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY</u> - (Referred by the Assembly to the Council for Action) [Noting that the situation of women in society and in churches still needed to be improved, and the commitment contained on page 51 of the Report and Commitments of the Ninth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation to discuss the report We are Witnesses from the LWF's International Consultation on Women and to implement its programs,] the Council VOTED: | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | votes | | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 65. |
| To recommend to the member churches that they discuss and implement the Platform for Action of the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women; | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | United Nations, action | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 65. |
| To recommend to the member Churches that they discuss and implement the report We are Witnesses from the 1995 LWF Consultation on Women; and | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | witnesses, report, consultation | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 65. |
| To recommend to the member churches that they intensify the implementation of the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women. | The LWF 9th Assembly in Hong Kong | 1997 | solidarity | strategic | The Lutheran World Federation, Ninth Assembly, Hong Kong 1997, Report, page 65. |
| 13.1.2 GENDER EDUCATION - Both the Project and Program Committees had underlined the importance of trying to ensure justice and equality between men and women in all areas of society. Upon the recommendation of the LWF Project Committee, the Council VOTED: | Geneva Council | 2001 | votes | | Minutes of Geneva Council, September 2001, page 21. |
| to request all member churches to give priority to education and promotion of gender perspective, and to ask the Department for Mission and Development to include them in its capacity-building programs and in the screening, implementation and evaluation of all development projects; and | Geneva Council | 2001 | capacity building, gender, projects | practical | Minutes of Geneva Council, September 2001, page 21. |
| to give priority concern to the issues of violence against women in all projects. | Geneva Council | 2001 | violence | strategic | Minutes of Geneva Council, September 2001, page 21. |
| Appreciation was expressed for the recommendation, and to the LWF, for continuing to place women's issues high on its agenda. This was particularly important in those areas where attempts were being made to undermine women's ministry. | Geneva Council | 2001 | | | Minutes of Geneva Council, September 2001, page 21. |
| Encourage and support one another in study and dialogue on issues of marriage, family and human sexuality; advocacy for the human rights and dignity of all persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | family, sexual orientation, human rights | strategic | Message VG7, par. 51. |

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| Challenge sexual stereotypes and raise gender issues early in the life of youth, seeking to build a just community of women and men. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | youth, gender issues, just community | strategic | Message VG2, par. 20. |
| Gender Mainstreaming and Women's Ordination The Assembly requests the LWF and its member churches to undertake a theological study on how to overcome the barriers that hinder gender mainstreaming (gender equity) and women's ordination (in churches where women are not ordained). | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | gender mainstream, womens ordination, study | strategic | Resolution, p. 4. |
| Address issues of economic globalization that include trade, debt, militarization, corruption, corporate social responsibility, gender equality, and migration. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | globalizations, economy, migration | practical | Message VG9, par. 63. |
| Confront those who profit from the trafficking of women and children. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | trafficking | strategic | Message VG8, par. 56. |
| Churches say 'No' to Violence against Women The Assembly recognizes with gratitude the resource "Churches Say 'No' to Violence against Women", and urges the LWF to continue to: promote this resource; encourage the member churches to work with this resource; and encourage that this resource be made available to all local churches in their respective languages. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | violence, material | strategic | Resolution, p. 5. |
| Recognize and support the essential role and initiatives of women in negotiations and peace-building processes, and encourage men to be more active in opposing violence. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | peace, violence | strategic | Message VG8, par. 56. |
| Promote the full inclusion of women and youth in all aspects of our life and work as churches and in our societies. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | inclusion, church, society | strategic | Message VG2, par. 20. |
| Facilitate dialog within the communion on areas of disagreement, such as understandings and practices of the ministry, involving both men and women, both ordained and lay, in a spirit of mutual respect and in quest of common understandings. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | ministry, dialogue | strategic | Message VG2, par. 20. |
| While sharing our experiences with the many different aspects of communion among our Churches, we touched as well those questions that at times create tension between us. It is apparent that within our communion there are noticeable differences concerning altar and pulpit fellowship. We therefore urge the LWF member churches to engage in (and ask the LWF Secretariat to facilitate) - a process of deepening the dialogue and initiating concrete actions to address the diversity of ways of understanding the Churches' "ministry" and individual ministry in the Churches as such, as well as the aspects of ordination and the office of oversight (not limited to episcopacy), and the within our communion widely practiced ordination of women. This process should be guided by the hope that, when conducted with mutual respect and understanding, it leads to a wider common understanding of the subjects. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | ministry, dialogue, ordination of women | strategic | Referred to Council, VG2, par. 112. |
| Exclusion Issues The Assembly, aware of God's calling to the church to include all people, recommends that the LWF examine and create an action plan to address the stigmatization and exclusion of specific groups of people, including women, youth, those who are physically and/or mentally challenged, those infected with HIV/AIDS, those who lack financial resources, and those who are discriminated against based on ethnicity or caste. | The LWF 10th Assembly in Winnipeg | 2003 | exclusion, minorities, HIV/AIDS, discrimination | strategic | Resolution, p. 3. |