

### **Resolution 2 Endnotes.**

Making a commitment to service in the church and pursuing seminary studies can be an expensive path to follow. The ELCA Fund for Leaders was established to build an endowed fund to provide scholarship assistance to qualified candidates studying at ELCA seminaries. Since 2000, 280 seminary students have received scholarship assistance from this fund.

A matching *Leadership Rising* gift grant of \$1,000,000 was established from the generosity of individuals in the fall of 2007. Synods establishing scholarships within the Fund for Leaders are eligible for this match on the basis of a one dollar match for every two dollars invested in the endowment.

In 2006, according to the Fund for Leaders, 70% of our graduates had an average educational debt of \$38,000. Students who had received help from the Fund for Leaders had an average educational debt of \$25,000. The costs of seminary education for a single person for three years of academic seminary work (excluding internship) range from \$78,000-\$100,000; for a two, three, four person family \$110,000-\$180,000. These cost figures include tuition, living expense and books.

For further information visit the website of the Fund for Leaders:

<http://www.elca.org/fundforleaders/>

### **Resolution 3 Endnotes**

In 2007, the ELCA Church Council recommended that the Churchwide Assembly invite all members of the church to become more familiar with the scriptures “so that we might live into our calling as a people renewed in our faith, enlivened through the Spirit, and empowered through the cross of Christ to serve God and neighbor.” The Book of Faith Initiative is a five year program that offers resources to both congregations and individuals who wish to make a commitment to become part of the conversation based on opening the scriptures. Further information is available at

[www.elca.org/bookoffaith/overview/](http://www.elca.org/bookoffaith/overview/).

### **Resolution 4 Endnotes**

The ONE Campaign is “an effort by Americans to rally Americans - ONE by ONE - to fight global AIDS and extreme poverty.” The object of ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History is to work through political advocacy to secure an additional 1% of the U.S. budget be used to address extreme poverty issues, to promote debt relief for the world’s poorest countries, and to work for international fair trade rules so that all may benefit from the current global economy. The ONE Lutheran campaign is a way of engaging local congregations and their members in this “campaign to make poverty history.” For more information visit the web site: [www.elca.org/advocacy/one](http://www.elca.org/advocacy/one).