

Finance and Administration

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I. Response to Overture 4: Healthy Pastoral Spouses

A. Materials

Overture 4, pp. 340-42

B. Recommendations

1. That synod encourage each of the churches and classes to support the spiritual health of pastoral spouses through the following actions:
 - a. Encourage each church to provide at least \$500 each year for resources for the spiritual care of the pastoral spouses in their church. The best form of spiritual care would be determined by the pastoral spouse.
 - b. Synod encourages classes to create a fund to help local churches who cannot afford the resources for the care of pastoral spouses.
 - c. Regional pastors and church visitors are directed to ask after the health of the pastoral spouse in their contacts with pastors and churches.
 - d. Instruct the Office of the General Secretary to curate further resources for how churches and classes can support the spiritual care of pastoral spouses.

Grounds:

 - 1) Healthy churches depend on healthy pastors and healthy spouses.
 - 2) There are minimal resources currently available that promote the spiritual health of the spouse.
2. That synod declare this to be its response to Overture 4.