**Agenda 2.3.19**

**College of Bishops to address the serious shortage of pastors**

**proposed motion**

*Submitted by St Paul’s Lutheran Church, Parkes NSW*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, whereas the serious shortage of pastors in the LCA, most apparent in rural parishes, is projected to worsen, that the LCA/College of Bishops address this with utmost seriousness, not necessarily by the ordination of women but more empowerment be allowed lay people.

**REASONS FOR THE MOTION**

1. The serious shortage of clergy
2. The need to adequately serve vacant congregations.