**agenda 2.3.21**

**Mark 500th anniversary of Reformation**

**proposed motion**

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(The anniversary will be marked during the Opening Service of Convention.)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Synod marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at this 19th General Convention of Synod by publicly recording and minuting our gratitude to God for the principle of ‘Scripture Alone’ for all teaching in the church, which has also led us to the unity we have today (See LCA Constitution Article 2).

**REASONS FOR THE MOTION**

This motion is to enable Synod to formally record the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, recognise the celebrations of this event across the LCA and acknowledge what has been done to have unity of Synod that we have today. It is also a call to the LCA to reflect on its foundations of the Reformation and the Union of Lutheran Synods in Australia in 1966. Both these events were founded on the principle of ‘Scripture alone’. This motion includes an expression of gratefulness to God and recognises the faithful dedication; the hard work done that has brought us to where we are and the blessings and benefits to the church.