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Bishop Steven Ullestad  
The Northeastern Iowa Synod - ELCA  
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Dear Bishop Ullestad:

This letter is to inform you that Immanuel had a special congregational meeting this past Sunday, December 6. Since our congregational secretary was out of town, I was asked by the church council to take minutes at the meeting and inform you of the results of the vote taken. Members were asked to vote for or against the following resolution: "Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Story City, Iowa shall terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ."

We had 257 members attend the meeting and sign the voting member list. Of that number, 218 voted for the resolution and 39 voted against it. That turned out to be 85% for the resolution and 15% against. It was a ballot vote. We have sent a letter to each of our voting members informing them of the resolution and the results of the vote.

Sincerely,

Susan Amensen  
Immanuel Congregational Vice-President



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January 7, 2010

Mr. David Morris  
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Dear Mr. Morris,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I have received your letter of December 11, 2009 informing me of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church's vote to initiate the consultation process for consideration of terminating your relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Your letter confirms that the vote reached the necessary 2/3 majority in order to begin this process.

The next step in the process is the synodical consultation under the oversight of the synod bishop. This consultation includes visits by me to your congregation in order to preach and hold forums about the ministries of the church. I will also be sharing information about the votes that were taken by the 2009 churchwide assembly.

The available dates for this consultation are March 14 and April 11, 2010. I would also like to suggest that Pastor Mark Anderson visit Immanuel on March 21 to preach and share even more about the ministries and mission of the Northeastern Iowa Synod and ELCA.

I look forward to our time together. I know that Immanuel is giving this decision prayerful consideration. I want to assure you that I join you in those prayers.

In Christ's Love and Grace,

The Rev. Dr. Steven L. Ullestad  
Bishop

cc: Pastor Stephen Anenson