

2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

2010 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2010.

2010 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2010 Mission Goals (synod budget).

RESOLUTION REJECTING RECOMMENDATIONS ON MINISTRY POLICY AND AFFIRMING CURRENT ELCA POLICY

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly thank the members of Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality for their work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to reject the proposals in the *Report and Recommendations on Ministry Policies* from the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to reaffirm the ELCA's current standards for pastors and other rostered leaders as expressed in *Vision and Expectations* and *Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline*.

RESOLUTION REJECTING PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT AND AFFIRMING CURRENT TEACHING DOCUMENTS ON SEXUALITY

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly thank the members of Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality for their work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to reject *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* as a proposed Social Statement for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to affirm the teaching of the ELCA Messages *Sexuality: Some Common Convictions* (1996) and *Commercial Sexual Exploitation* (2001); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to express the ELCA's intention to continue to rely on the social statements of its predecessor churches — *Sex, Marriage, and Family - A Social Statement of the Lutheran Church in America* (1970); *Human Sexuality and Sexual Behavior - A Social Statement of The American Lutheran Church* (1980); and *Teachings and Practice on Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage - A Social Statement of The American Lutheran Church* (1982) — as historical documents expressing faithful Christian teaching on human sexuality.

PROCEDURAL RULES FOR THE 2009 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Synod Assembly of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA memorialize the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt as one of the rules of procedure that “any recommendations, resolutions, or memorials related to the report of the Task Force of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality require a two-thirds vote for adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action be communicated to ELCA Secretary David Swartling.

HUNGER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that each congregation of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be encouraged to offer their support and prayers of the Northeastern Iowa leg of the “Tour de Rev’s” tour by:

- Lifting up the incredible story of what our church is doing on behalf of the hungry and poor both here and abroad,
- Educating the congregation on the needs of the hungry and those who live in poverty,
- Encouraging their congregation to make a generous contribution to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal in support of the Tour de Rev’s event striving for a goal of \$5 per member. Be it further

RESOLVED, as members of a church that fervently cares for the poor and hungry that we individually support this effort with generous gifts of our own ... well beyond the \$5 per member. God is good ... all the time!

**MEMORIAL TO CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
JUSTICE FOR WOMEN SOCIAL STATEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to undertake a study for a Social Statement on Justice for Women.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, that the members and congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be encouraged to be in contact with the state legislators of the State of Iowa with respect to action on this issue.

ELCA MEMORIAL TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to commit itself, within the availability of funding and staff resources, to take the following actions:

1. authorize creation of a volunteer Suicide Prevention Ministry Task Force for a trial period of two years (with continuance beyond that left to the discretion of the Church in Society unit), with a charge to:
 - be supervised by the Church in Society Unit
 - examine the prevalence of suicide and its impact on the church, its members, institutions and rostered persons, along with ways in which such impact may be reduced
 - **collaborate with other organizations on suicide prevention**
 - **invite ELCA survivors of suicide, and those who have been suicidal to serve on the** Task Force, and
2. encourage the communication voices of the Church to promote the church's suicide prevention work and its *Suicide Prevention Endowment Fund*, and
3. encourage all rostered personnel to take a web-based survey on knowledge of suicide prevention, and
4. direct the church's national advocacy office to advocate for expanded federal suicide prevention research, and
5. require the Task Force to provide the executive director of the Church in Society unit, a report on the work of the Task Force, and its recommendations.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod designate May 12 as a Day of Prayer for Immigration Reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations and members of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be encouraged to continue to advocate for a just policy of immigration reform which respects the rights and aspirations of those who desire to immigrate to this country, holds employers accountable for their treatment of workers, respects the rule of law, and seeks to ensure humanitarian working and living conditions for all peoples; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be encouraged to observe this day or a Sunday close to this day with prayer for those who continue to be affected by the May 12, 2008 raid in Postville, for immigrant workers and their employers, and for legislators and enforcement officials until such time as the needed reforms are enacted.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER CHURCHWIDE MEMORIAL

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