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December 10, 2009

Steven Ullestad, Bishop
Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA
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Dear Bishop Ullestad,

The congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church had its first vote on the following resolution on Sunday, December 6:

"It is the desire of the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5831 Grundy Road, Hudson, Iowa, to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

The results of the vote was 36 to 12 in favor of the resolution.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rasmussen, Secretary
Zion Congregational Council



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January 7, 2010

Mr. Tom Boheman
601 Blackhawk St.
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Dear Mr. Boheman,

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

I have received your letter of December 10, 2009 informing me of Zion 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 February 14 and March 21, 2010. I would also like to suggest that Pastor Darrel Gerrietts visit Zion on February 21 and Pastor Mark Anderson on February 28 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 Zion 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 Claudia Tessmer