

**2014 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly**  
**ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS**

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**2015 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES**

**RESOLVED**, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2015.

**2015 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS**

**RESOLVED**, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2015 Mission Goals (synod budget).

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF RICL EFFECTS ON  
MEMBER CONGREGATIONS IN NEIA SYNOD**

**RESOLVED**, That the congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be strongly encouraged to learn more about this complex issue by doing research, holding discussions, and making material available to interested persons.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE  
NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD CONSTITUTION**

**RESOLVED**, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly adopt the following amendments to the synod constitution.

To amend the Northeastern Iowa Synod Constitution to be consistent with the 2013 Model Constitution for Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Amendments that are not required (*i.e.*, those not marked by a dagger) may be adopted by the Synod Assembly on a majority vote at one assembly under †S18.12.

**Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.**

**S7.23.** The presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and such other official representatives of this church as may be designated from time to time by the Church Council shall ~~also~~ have voice but not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly. Like privileges shall be accorded to those additional persons whom the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council shall from time to time designate.

**S7.26.** This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of ~~mission settings formed with the intent of becoming recognized~~ congregations under development and authorized worshipping communities of the synod, which have been authorized under ELCA bylaw 10.02.03., to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly, consistent with †S7.21.

**UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

**RESOLVED**, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly supports the intention of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which seeks to protect the rights of all people including children from oppression, violence or abuse; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly encourages our congregations and individuals to:

- contact their legislative representatives about this issue;
- make our congregations and communities safe places for all people;
- encourage our members to participate in the Northeastern Iowa Synod “Safeguarding God’s Children” workshops.

**FAITH FORMATION, CROSS GENERATIONAL MINISTRY, AND  
CONTINUED USE OF NETWORKS AND IDEA SHARING**

**RESOLVED,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod will reclaim the promises made in the waters of baptism and continue to support the ministry of the baptized through innovative exploration of ways to support and minister with, to, and for families of all configurations, sizes, and ages; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Synod Council, and Congregations continue to advocate and work in partnership with the appropriate governmental agencies, public and private school systems in their communities to preserve Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights, and festivals as church time; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod encourage Congregations to engage in Cross generational ministry to enhance faith formation with the lifting up of life passages, milestones, and vocation; and encourage the use of the faith practices of prayer, worship, study, give, encouragement, serve, and invite; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod through the Home Life Network and those interested in faith formation encourage congregations to take advantage of faith formation practices, Living Faith newsletters, and other resources that are shared on the web site (neiasynod.org) and blogs, as well as share best practices from their congregations.

**A MEMORIAL ON FAITH FORMATION, CROSS GENERATIONAL MINISTRY,  
AND CONTINUED USE OF NETWORKS AND IDEA SHARING**

**MEMORIAL,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to live into this vision for creating a seamless journey of faith formation and discipleship with all ages and all generations as outlined in Resolution No. 7-14 (attached); discover effective approaches based on our Lutheran heritage, solid theology and current research; share with one another effective faith practices and align our resources around a common mission and vision; and continue to build networks in response and support for one another in this critical and urgent work of the church-in our congregations, institutions and in our households.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ORGAN DONATION**

**RESOLVED,** That the Northeastern Iowa Synod in Assembly encourage congregations to network with organ donation organizations to provide information about organ donation.