

2015 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly
ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

2016 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2016.

2016 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2016 Mission Goals (synod budget).

LIFE OF FAITH INITIATIVE

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod “reaffirm the universal priesthood of all believers, namely, that all baptized Christians are called to minister in the name of Christ and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the promise of God in the world and in their various callings and to bear God’s creative and redeeming Word to all the world, to meet human needs, to work for dignity and justice for all people, and peace and reconciliation among the nations...” as a central tenet of our life together as God’s people [see the first resolution of the 1993 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in response to the *Together for Ministry* report, in “The Ministry of All the Baptized,” pp.13-14; also section 7.11 of the ELCA constitution, The Ministry of the Baptized People of God]; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod call upon congregations to foster Christian vocation by encouraging and equipping people, from children to adults, to discern and claim their call to speak and live the faith in their daily lives through their many varied forms of service with our neighbors in the family, the workplace, and in civil society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod encourage congregations and networks in this synod to participate in the Life of Faith Initiative by experimenting, creating, and innovating so that ministry expands beyond what we do in and through congregations to include all that the baptized do in God’s name in families, at work and in civil society, and to share what they create and learn with others in the Life of Faith network, so that together we might create and curate a wide range of resources that foster the ministry of all the baptized.

**MEMORIAL ON ECO-REFORMATION IN THE
CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

RESOLVED, that this Northeastern Iowa Synod, recognizing the need for ongoing reformation of the ELCA, memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to make climate change and ecological justice major themes in ELCA planning and activities leading up to and following the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**ECO-REFORMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF
THE NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD**

RESOLVED, that this Northeastern Iowa Synod will find ways to enact the 2013 Churchwide Assembly action to “support and encourage synods, congregations, members, the churchwide organization, and agencies and institutions of this church to adopt and advocate for policies that reduce energy use, and with it our dependence on fossil fuels, as an expression of this church’s commitment to address climate change and to care for God’s creation” and “to re-examine lifestyles and environmental footprints as they relate to the climate crisis and to improve their stewardship of energy resources and promote care for God’s creation;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Northeastern Iowa Synod commit itself to participate with the ELCA in becoming even more faithfully a denomination that embraces and practices creation care throughout its life and mission.

SYRIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

RESOLVED, That the congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA be encouraged to collect special “Syrian Refugee Relief” offerings every fifth Sunday of the month for the next two years and send our collection to “Syria Refugee Relief,” Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297.

TRANSFER OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLARION, IOWA

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod receive First Lutheran Church, Clarion, Iowa, as a congregation of this synod in the Riverside Conference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this synod report this change to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH

RESOLVED, That Northeastern Iowa Synod encourage congregations in observing National Donor Sabbath which is held two weeks before Thanksgiving. Materials needed to support this weekend, including Biblical Principals in Support of Donation, facts about Organ and Tissues Donation, raising awareness Idea Sheet, and Statements which can be used in the church service, and Publication, are free from Iowa Donor Network.