

2019 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly RESOLUTIONS

2020 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

Resolution No. 2-19, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2020.

2020 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

Resolution No. 3-19, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2020 Mission Goals (synod budget).

SUPPORTING REFUGEE CHILDREN

Resolution No. 4-19, Adopted

RESOLVED, The 2019 assembly of the Northeastern Iowa Synod condemns the separation of migrant children from their families; and be it further

RESOLVED, This lament and condemnation be communicated by individuals and/or congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to the congressional delegation representing the area of this synod as an expectation of better work for justice and wellbeing on behalf of vulnerable children; and

RESOLVED, This assembly encourages individuals and congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to engage in the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy of advocacy, accompaniment, and awareness building by standing up as an official AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation; and finally.

RESOLVED, This assembly encourages individual members of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to engage in the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy of advocacy, accompaniment, and awareness building by using the resources at <https://www.neiasynod.org/ammparo-welcoming>.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HEARTBEAT BILL AND SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9 ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 5-19, Alternative Resolution Recommended for Adoption

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod supports Senate Joint Resolution 9 and the appeal of the Heartbeat Bill.

ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION

Alternative Resolution No. 5-19B, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Northeastern Iowa Synod encourages congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to post and/or publish Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's Pastoral letter dated 30 May 2019 on the topic of abortion vis a vis recent laws passed or proposed by various U. S. State Legislatures, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod Assembly encourages congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod to hold public conversations regarding the contents and conclusions of the ELCA Social Statement *Abortion* (1991), as it relates to current and proposed legislation concerning abortion, remembering that faithful believers and members of ELCA congregations have vastly different experiences and hold vastly different opinions regarding God's will on the topic.

REORGANIZATION OF THE THREE IOWA SYNODS

Resolution No. 6-19, Referred to Synod Council for further study

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod take leadership in being proactive to manage the change that is facing us. And, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly authorize the creation of a Mission Table to strategize ways in which we can implement the goals and recommendations of the LIFT Task Force and the Future Directions Table. And, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly extend an official invitation to the Western

Iowa Synod and the Southeastern Iowa Synod to join us in the creation of a Joint Mission Table to consider ways in which we can more faithfully accomplish God's Mission together and be better stewards of the gift, The Church, that God has given us. And, be it further

RESOLVED, That the newly created Mission Table be entrusted with the vision of developing a plan to reorganize the Synods of Iowa in accordance with the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

FAITH, SEXISM, AND JUSTICE: A LUTHERAN CALL TO ACTION

Resolution No. 7-19, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the 2019 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the recommended proposed social statement *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action*; and be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations of the Northeastern Iowa Synod be encouraged to pray, advocate, and work for justice for all who are affected by sexism and patriarchy.