

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2016

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2016.01	Standing Rules	That the Standing Rules of the 2016 Synod Assembly be approved.
SA.2016.02	Agenda	That the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Agenda be approved.
SA.2016.03	Amendments 74, 77, 78, 80, 83, 84, and 85	That the Synod Assembly approves amendments 74, 77, 78, 80, 83, 84, and 85 to the Synod Constitution as presented. See minutes for details.
SA.2016.04	Amendments 75, 76, 79, 81, and 82	That the Synod Assembly approves amendments 75, 79, 81, and 82 to the Synod Constitution as presented. See minutes for details.
SA.2016.05	Budget Cap	That the Synod Assembly caps the Fiscal Year 2017-18 General Fund Budget at \$41,487,550; and that motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and that Fiscal Year 2017-18 General Fund receipts in excess of \$41,487,550 be disbursed as directed by the Synod Council.

SA.2016.06	Memorial to Churchwide regarding the Doctrine of Discovery	<p>RESOLVED, that, joining with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Episcopal Church USA, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the Moravian Church, the Northwest Synod of the Evangelical Church in America explicitly and clearly repudiates the European Christian derived ‘doctrine of discovery’ and its continuing impact upon tribal governments and individual tribal members to this day, and acknowledges and repents of its complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, and That the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly offers herewith a statement of repentance and reconciliation to Native nations in this country for damage done in the name of Christianity and “civilization”, calls on the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to do the same, and requests the Office of the Presiding Bishop to plan an appropriate ELCA national ceremony of repentance and reconciliation with tribal leaders, and provide resources for similar synodical and congregational observances with local tribal leaders, at all such times and places as are appropriate, and That the ELCA, with the help of Native communities, commit itself to the development of resources, in the next triennium, to help its congregations and people understand and reduce the negative impact of the “doctrine of discovery” and its consequences for Native people in North America, and That the ELCA Congregational & Synodical Mission Unit bring forward to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly a renewed strategy for ministry with Native people in the ELCA and accompaniment with North American Native communities generally, with a particular commitment to long-term, stable funding of ELCA American Indian and Alaska Native ministries, increasing partnership with congregations and synods in the ELCA, and promoting efforts with the Native communities within which our congregations and synods reside.</p>
SA.2016.07	Spending Plan - Budget Approval	That the Synod Assembly approves the 2017 Synod Budget as presented.
SA.2016.08	Approval to bring forward Resolution B for consideration	That the Synod Assembly approves bringing Resolution B – Resolution Supporting Muslim Neighbors to the assembly for consideration.

SA.2016.09	Muslim Neighbors	<p>That the 2016 Northwest Washington Synod encourage congregations to seek greater understanding of the situation of Muslims in America, especially in Washington State; and</p> <p>To speak out against Islamophobia and actions which denigrate people because of their faith or ethnicity; and</p> <p>To take action to robustly welcome the full participation of Muslims in our communities and society.</p>
SA.2016.10	Approval to bring forward Resolution C for consideration	<p>That the Synod Assembly approves bringing Resolution C – A Statement of Support of Congregational Education Measures Regarding Transgender Individuals to the assembly.</p>
SA.2016.11	Transgender Individuals	<p>That this Assembly encourages individuals and congregations in the Northwest Washington Synod to educate members, visitors, neighbors and the community about gender identity an expression;</p> <p>to learn about issues facing the transgender community and the political and policy issues that prevent the full inclusion of transgender individuals;</p> <p>to encourage lay and rostered leaders to speak out in support of the transgender community and people of non-binary gender identities and expressions;</p> <p>to take action to welcome the full participation of those who identify as gender non-binary n our communities and society; and</p> <p>to advocate against Washington Initiative 1515, which would repeal our state’s non-discrimination protections that for 10 years have helped ensure our transgender family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors are treated fairly and equally under the law.</p>
SA.2016.12	Approval to bring forward Resolution D for consideration	<p>That the Synod Assembly approves bringing Resolution D – Advocating Black Lives Matter to the assembly for consideration.</p>

SA.2016.13	Black Lives Matter	<p>That the Northwest Washington Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To request that the ELCA affirm that BLACK LIVES MATTER; 2. To request that the ELCA support the 10 point policy solutions of the Campaign Zero (an advocacy effort of activists, protesters and reaches) as a faithful expression of public church and advocacy; 3. To request that the ELCA encourage all congregations to engage the 10-point policy solutions in education, lobbying, and direct action.
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2015

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2015.01	Standing Rules	That the Standing Rules of the 2015 Synod Assembly be approved.
SA.2015.02	Agenda	That the 2015 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Agenda be approved.
SA.2015.03	Receiving Church of Steadfast Love, Seattle as a congregation of the synod	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly joyfully receives the Church of Steadfast Love as a congregation of this synod; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pastors and members of the Church of Steadfast Love be seated as full members of this assembly.
SA.2015.04	Agenda Amendment	That the Assembly amends the agenda to break for lunch at this time and reconvene at 1:30 pm today.
SA.2015.05	Budget Cap	That the Synod Assembly caps the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 at \$1,496,550 and that motions to increase any expenditure item in said budget shall include a recommended offsetting decrease; and That Fiscal Year 2016-17 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,496,550 be disbursed as directed by the Synod Council.
SA.2015.06	Memorial to the 2016 Churchwide Assembly on Eco-Reformation in the Context of Climate Change	THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this Northwest Washington Synod in assembly, 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.

SA.2015.07	Climate Change	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That this Northwest Washington Synod 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 reexamine 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 Northwest Washington 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.</p>
SA.2015.08	Budget Spending Plan	<p>That the Synod Assembly approves the 2016 Spending Plan as presented.</p>
SA.2015.09	U.S. aid to Israel	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod meeting in Assembly Memorializes the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to ask for Congressional action requiring that future U.S. aid to Israel be contingent on Israel’s halt to all settlement-building in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and that the US in coordination with the UN security council launch a more determined effort for a negotiated agreement that ends the occupation, achieves an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel and provides security and peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.</p>

SA.2015.10	Supporting Peace With Justice In the Holy Land Through Intentional U.S. Aid To Israel	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that members of Northwest Washington Synod congregations who seek a just peace between Israel and Palestine ask for Congressional action applying these conditions to future aid to Israel by advocating such action to their district's U.S. House Member and both of Washington State's U.S. Senators, and be it finally</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod make this resolution's call known to the members of Washington State's Congressional delegation who serve citizens living in our synod and to the public at large.</p>
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2014

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2014.01	Standing Rules	That the Standing Rules of the 2014 Synod Assembly be approved.
SA.2014.02	Agenda	That the 2014 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Agenda be approved.
SA.2014.03	Budget Cap	<p>That the 2014 Synod Assembly directs that the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2015 shall be capped at \$1,480,500, and</p> <p>That motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and</p> <p>That Fiscal 2015 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,480,500 shall be disbursed as directed by the Synod Council.</p>
SA.2014.04	Hunger Issues and Super Bowl	<p>Be It Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod, in Assembly, encourage member congregations annually to make Super Bowl Sunday as day of awareness about hunger issues and to collect food and funds to address the needs of the hungry; and</p> <p>Be It Further Resolved that the leadership of the Northwest Washington Synod supports other ELCA synods to annually make Super Bowl Sunday a day of awareness about hunger issues.</p>
SA.2014.05	ELCA Campaign	Be It Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod meeting in assembly endorses and enthusiastically supports Always Being Made New: Campaign for the ELCA, and invites individuals, congregations, and the Synod Council into conversations about giving to the campaign and working on ways to provide financial and other support to bring about its success and to meet its goals.

SA.2014.06	Amendment 73	See minutes
SA.2014.07	Budget	That the 2014 Synod Assembly adopts the 2015 General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2015 as presented.
SA.2014.08	Mission to Seafarers	Be It Resolved that The Mission to Seafarers is recognized as a social ministry organization of the Northwest Washington Synod; and be it further Resolved that the Synod Council is authorized to develop a plan to implement this enhanced maritime ministry in cooperation with The Mission to Seafarers and to encourage participation of congregations in the synod in its work.
SA.2014.09	Endorse Initiative 594 - Guns	Be It Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod endorse Initiative 594, which would apply criminal background-check requirements to all gun sales and transfers in Washington State with specific exceptions; and Be It Further Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod encourage congregations to hold educational forums on Initiative 594 in order to learn more about gun violence, current gun laws and loopholes, and preventative measures like universal background checks.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2013

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2013.01	Standing Rules	That the Standing Rules of the 2013 Synod Assembly be approved.
SA.2013.02	Agenda	That the 2013 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Agenda be approved.

SA.2013.03	Support of legislation prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity	<p>RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to call upon Congress to take up and pass legislation that would prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity while providing for religious exemptions; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, to urge the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, synodical bishops, clergy, and other church leaders to speak publicly in support of legislation that would prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity while providing for religious exemptions; and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to urge lay leaders to make this Assembly's position and the ELCA's position known to their Members of Congress in the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate.</p>
SA.2013.04	Amendment 70 - regarding Synod Treasurer	Allows the SC to appoint Treasurer. See minutes.
SA.2013.05	Amendment 71 - regarding office elections	See minutes.
SA.2013.06	Budget Cap	<p>That the 2013 Synod Assembly directs that the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2014 shall be capped at \$1,575,000, and</p> <p>That motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and</p> <p>That Fiscal 2014 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,575,000 shall be disbursed as directed by the Synod Council.</p>
SA.2013.07	Resolution of appreciation for the service of Bishop Boerger	See minutes

SA.2013.08

**Accompaniment, Awareness-raising &
Advocacy for the People of Holy Land**

BE IT RESOLVED that we affirm Peace Not Walls as the means by which the ELCA implements its strategy for engagement in the Holy Land conflict, and affirm our support for sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land as they remain faithful to the Gospel amid the oppression of Israeli military occupation; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that we encourage our members to listen to the cries of our Palestinian sisters and brothers through study of the Kairos Palestine document; to visit the region and speak directly with Israelis and Palestinians; and to seek resources like those provided by Peace Not Walls that share current, reliable information about the situation; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that we memorialize the Churchwide Assembly to commit to socially responsible economic practices by 1) developing social-criteria investment screens that pertain specifically to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; 2) urging members with money invested in Portico to make individual choices about how their retirement funds are invested, to avoid support of companies that benefit from the occupation; 3) urging individuals to invest in Palestinian economic endeavors and to avoid products and services provided by companies, such as Ahava, Sodastream and Hewlett Packard, that benefit from or support Israel's occupation of Palestinian territory; and further

BE IT RESOLVED that we ask our newly elected bishop and the members of our Synod to contact their representatives in Congress, urging them—as requested in last October's letter from 15 Christian leaders—to hold hearings examining whether Israel's use of U.S. financial aid violates the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act and Arms Export Control Act.

SA.2013.09

Uniting American Families Act

RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, in Assembly, memorializes the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to call upon President Obama and elected officials in Congress to support and to press for passage of the Uniting American Families Act (UAFAs) or its equivalent as a component of comprehensive immigration reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if a bill for comprehensive immigration reform is passed before the start of the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, and if the bill does not include UAFAs or its equivalent, the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in assembly, memorializes the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to call for the reintroduction of UAFAs in the U.S. legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in assembly, memorializes the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to encourage the clergy and other leaders of congregations in this church to support the Uniting American Families Act by communicating with their elected representatives, encouraging them to co-sponsor and to support a just, comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration law that includes the principles of UAFAs.

SA.2013.10	A Memorial Calling for Conversations about Ministering to Same Gender Couples and Families	<p>RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod memorialize the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to invite and encourage conversations among this church’s congregations, rostered leaders, and the Conference of Bishops regarding the growing trend in state and federal laws towards marriage equality and how all the expressions of the ELCA can respond to the needs of the neighbor, including discussion and sharing of resources that would be most helpful for those wishing to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and couples and their families as we seek to grow into this new reality; 2. to invite and encourage conversations among this church’s congregations, rostered leaders, and the Conference of Bishops regarding ways that this church can advocate for equal protection under the law for same-gender couples and their families; and 3. to invite and encourage the ELCA Church Council and the churchwide organization to make provision for Voting Members to engage in these conversations at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, as the church continues to discern its ministry in the emerging context.
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SA.2013.11	Urging Divestment from Fossil Fuel Corporations	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod memorialize the 2013 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to request the Corporate Social Responsibility Team of the churchwide organization, in consultation with Portico, to investigate and make recommendations to the Church Council concerning 1) expanding the existing environmental screens to name the fossil fuel extraction and production industry as one which damages the environment and 2) recommending reinvestment in the alternative energy industry.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Church Council act upon such recommendations by May 1, 2014 and report its actions to the 2014 Synod Assemblies.</p>
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2012

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2012.01	Standing Rules	That the Standing Rules of the 2012 Synod Assembly be approved.

SA.2012.02	Agenda	That the 2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Agenda be approved.
SA.2012.03	Ammendment 64 - Bylaw Addition	Add Bylaw S8.51.01 to the synod Constitution & Bylaws to allow appointment of the Synod Treasurer by the Synod Council, as opposed to election by the Synod Assembly.
SA.2012.04	Amendment 68	That the 2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly approves Amendment 68 to the Synod Constitution & Bylaws: S9.05. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one two persons for vice president; additional nominations may be made from the floor. S9.06. The Synod Council shall nominate at least one two persons for secretary; additional nominations may be made from the floor.
SA.2012.05	Spending Cap	That the 2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly approves a cap of \$1,318,800 for the Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund Budget and that motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and that the Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,318,800 be disbursed as directed by the Synod Council.
SA.2012.06	Proposed Budget	That the Synod Assembly approves the 2013 Synod Budget as proposed.
SA.2012.07	Malaria Campaign Challenge	Be it resolved that the 2012 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly set a minimum goal of \$150,000 as our goal for the Malaria Campaign Challenge; and Be it further resolved that the members of this assembly be invited to join the Synod Council and Synod Hunger Team to make a personal pledge toward meeting this goal; and Be it further resolved that the members of this assembly bring specific resources to their congregations so that all members of the Northwest Washington Synod be invited to participate in this effort to control malaria.
SA.2012.08	Amendment 65	See minutes
SA.2012.09	Amendment 66	See minutes
SA.2012.10	Amendment 67	See minutes
SA.2012.11	Amendment 69	See minutes

SA.2012.12	Anderson Thank You	We are Resolved, as the Northwest Washington Synod in assembly: To express our thanks and praise to Loren and Mary Ann Anderson for their great service; and To wish them great joy in retirement along with our prayers for continued service to the world. In Jesus' Name. AMEN.
SA.2012.13	Candidates' Tuition Support	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the northwest Washington Synod Assembly vote to, through its Candidacy Committee and Clusters, encourage all congregations in the synod to fund synod candidates' seminary tuition through local endowments, the synod scholarship fund, or other means; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Washington Synod adopt a ten-year goal of full tuition funding for all candidates.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2011

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2011.01	Standing Rules	The Standing Rules of the 2011 Synod Assembly are adopted as presented.
SA.2011.02	Agenda	Agenda approved as presented

SA.2011.03

A Vision for Evangelism in the Northwest Washington Synod

Whereas, it is a great time to be a Lutheran if we are willing to claim the gifts that God has generously blessed us with, and commit to approaches that start with a deep appreciation of the assets and gifts present in our people, congregations, institutions and environment, and

Whereas, our rich theological traditions are not meant to be hidden, but to be available to people who are struggling to make sense of the world--a world increasingly complicated by the advances in science and technology. The internet has flattened the world creating a scenario that what happens to the Euro in Greece effects the economic stability of the world, and

Whereas, daily we are faced with competing values. Do we drill off shore for oil seeking energy independence or do we put an end to this danger-laden method in order to protect the environment? Do we continue to experiment with genetic engineering with all of its potential or do we avoid the potentially devastating use of this science? Do we protect the traditions of our church that we have grown up with or do we incorporate new approaches to doing ministry? and

Whereas, Lutheran theology is well equipped to address such challenging issues because tension lies at the very heart of what it means to be a Lutheran. We give attention to the law and the gospel. We confess to being at one and the same time saints and sinners. Our theology has the capacity to help people live in a complicated world where the answers are not always black and white, and

Whereas, it is a great time to be a Lutheran because we are part of a global church that partners in facing the issues of world hunger, HIV/AIDs, environmental destruction and that provides relief and redevelopment when natural disasters strike. Our companion Synod relationships with the church in Russia and Ethiopia have created worldwide friendships, and

Whereas, it is a great time to be a Lutheran because we are highly respected for

SA.2011.04

Budget Cap

The General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 shall be capped at \$1,400,000.

SA.2011.05

Budget Cap

The Assembly agrees to reconsider the 2012 Budget Cap amount.

SA.2011.06

Budget Cap

Change Budget Cap to \$1,420,000

SA.2011.07

Budget Cap

Approve Budget Cap of \$1,420,000

SA.2011.08	Budget	The 2012 Budget is adopted as proposed; and Any Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,420,000 shall be disbursed as the Synod Council directs.
SA.2011.09	Campus Ministry	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to designate, and list on their publications, the campus pastors of the ELCA campus ministries at the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and University of Idaho as adjunct members of their pastoral staff, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to take steps to increase or include specific gifts of financial benevolence to the campus ministries at the University of Washington, Western Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and University of Idaho in their benevolence budgets.
SA.2011.10	Amendment 62	See minutes

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2010

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2010.01	Standing Rules	The Standing Rules of the 2010 Synod Assembly are adopted as corrected.
SA.2010.02	Agenda	Agenda approved as presented
SA.2010.03	Amendment 57	See minutes
SA.2010.04	Amendment 58	See minutes
SA.2010.05	Amendment 59 & 60	See minutes
SA.2010.06	Amendment 61	See minutes
SA.2010.07	Budget Cap	The General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 shall be capped at \$1,400,000, and That motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and That Fiscal Year 2011 General Fund receipts in excess of \$4,000,000 be disbursed 45.5 percent to Churchwide, 25 percent to Partner Ministries and 29.5 percent to Synod ministries.

SA.2010.08	New Ministry and Leadership Capital Campaign Authorization	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly authorizes the Synod Council and the office of the Bishop to test the feasibility of conducting a capital fund drive with a tentative goal of 4 million dollars; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if feasible the Synod Council and office of the bishop be authorized to initiate said capital campaign; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of the capital campaign be designated for starting new ministries or supporting transformational ministry projects and for reducing student debt incurred in pursuit of theological education for first call pastors, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry or deaconesses serving in the Northwest Washington Synod. The actual amounts to be determined based on the results of the capital campaign; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly pledge to support this campaign with their financial resources and by encouraging other members of this synod to participate in the capital campaign.</p>
SA.2010.09	Budget	The 2011 Budget is adopted as proposed.
SA.2010.10	Pacific Lutheran Corporate Delegates	Approved the presented slate - see minutes.

SA.2010.11 **More Just and Equitable Tax Structure
in Washington State**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA call upon the citizens of Washington State to reform our state tax structure so that people of every income level would be paying an equitable portion of their income in taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA support any initiative that would accomplish this purpose by taxing those who are in the top 3% of income earners in the State of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to review and study the recommendations of the ELCA Social Statement on Economic Life in this regard and to participate in any campaign that would correct the regressive tax structure of the State of Washington, and maintain programs and services for the most vulnerable people within the State of Washington.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2009

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA2009.01	Standing Rules	Presented
SA2009.02	Assembly Agenda	Presented

SA2009.03 Water For All

BE IT RESOLVED, that members of this 2009 Synod Assembly urge congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod, their members, Synod Council, and Synod committees to utilize reusable containers for drinking water rather than purchasing bottled water whenever possible; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the assembly be urged to sign the Think Outside the Bottle pledge and encourage their congregations to do likewise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this assembly requests the bishop to encourage the ELCA Church in Society unit to join other denominations and faith communities in endorsing the Think Outside the Bottle Campaign to challenge corporate control of water; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to advocate for clean water and sanitation for all God's people through support of the Lutheran ONE campaign to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunger Committee provide information about resources to congregations regarding availability of clean, safe, affordable water, including the Think Outside the Bottle pledge, and the Lutheran ONE Campaign, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hunger Committee will provide a statement of the bishop's encouragement to the ELCA and others to endorse the Think Outside the Bottle Campaign; and a report of the results of a survey of congregations' actions regarding the issue of safe, clean, affordable water, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod, gathered in assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly

d) To endorse the Think Outside the Bottle campaign,

e) To utilize reusable containers for drinking water rather than purchasing bottled water whenever possible, and

SA2009.04 Budget Cap

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2010 shall be capped at \$1,540,305.

SA2009.05 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that from a projected of income of \$1,500,000 be disbursed with 45.5 percent to Churchwide and 54.5 percent to Synod Ministries, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in excess of \$1,540,305 shall be dispersed at the discretion of the Synod Council.

SA2009.06

Adopt Statement on Human Sexuality

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly as follows:

1. To adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.
2. To adopt the following additional implementing resolution of the Social Statement on Human Sexuality: "To direct appropriate churchwide units to develop, in consultation with those most affected, resources for congregations or faith-communities and ministers that choose to do so to support same-gender relationships by holding them publicly accountable in the exchange of promises of lifelong love and fidelity."

SA2009.07

Recommendations On Ministry Policy and Affirming Current ELCA Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly as follows:

1. To adopt the four parts of the proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.
2. To adopt the following: "Resolved, that the Vocation and Education unit be directed to develop, and the Church Council be directed to approve, procedures for the reception from another Lutheran church-body and for the expedited reinstatement to the roster or to candidacy of those whose rostering was precluded by previous policies on same-gender relationships."

SA2009.08

Israel and Palestine

BE IT RESOLVED that the leadership of our congregations in the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be encouraged to incorporate prayers for peace in the Middle East in the worship of their congregations and to utilize the available educational resources on this issue, such as our Synod's Investing for Peace in the Holy Land program and the ELCA's Peace Not Walls program, so that we might be more effective witnesses for peace,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly communicate to the ELCA Conference of Bishops and the national staff of the ELCA our appreciation for their work and witness on this issue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly communicate to President Obama and his administration as well as the leadership of both Congressional Parties our appreciation for the commitments they have thus far made to begin engaging this complex and difficult problem in a manner that will actually make possible a viable and contiguous Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza as well as a secure peace for the people of Israel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bishop of this Synod be hereby directed to remind and encourage pastors and other Synod and Congregational leaders, when he deems it appropriate, of the adoption of this resolution.

SA2009.09	Tribal Canoe Journey 2009, Paddle to Suquamish	<p>WHEREAS the historic 1989 "Paddle to Seattle", the first traditional intertribal canoe voyage in over a hundred years, initiated a renewal of Northwest Native heritage in Washington State and British Columbia, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Tribal Canoe Journey 2009, Paddle to Suquamish celebrates 20 years of cultural resurgence in northwest native communities, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and her predecessor bodies has committed to supporting and upholding American Indian and Alaska Native tradition and religious expression (reference Apologies), and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Suquamish tribe will host 20th Anniversary end of journey events August 3 - 8, 2009, therefore</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod and representatives of the Lutheran Public Policy Office of Washington State send congratulatory messages on behalf of the Northwest Washington Synod to the Coastal Tribes of Washington State and British Columbia on this historic anniversary, and</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that members and congregations of the synod learn more about Tribal Journey 2009 and support the effort with prayer and as visitors, and</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that members and congregations be encouraged to continue learning about and building relationship with our native neighbors.</p>
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SA2009.10	Thank you resolutions for mission support	See minutes.
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2008

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA2008.01	Standing Rules	The Standing Rules of the 2008 Synod Assembly are adopted as presented.
SA2008.02	Agenda	The Agenda of the Assembly is adopted as presented

SA2008.03	Amending ELCA Constitution “Batak Special Interest Conference”	BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly endorses the request of Batak ELCA members and memorializes the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to eliminate the Batak Special Interest Conference and amend the ELCA Constitution and Bylaws to reflect this change.
SA2008.04	Ending Homelessness	BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, as children of God, in the world but no longer of the world, encourage congregations and other agencies of the church to work to end homelessness through education, participation in government, and through positive action in our communities.
SA2008.05	African Descent Strategy	<p>BE IT RESOLVED: That the Northwest Washington Synod affirm and adopt the strategic plan as a working document for ministry among people of African descent; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Northwest Washington Synod task the Synod Council to prepare a plan for implementation of Synod actions listed in the strategic plan; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Washington Synod Council report to the 2009 Synod Assembly with a plan of action for implementation and funding.</p>

SA2008.06

**Against Violence and Discrimination
on the basis of Gender Orientation
and Gender Identity**

RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, deplore in the name of Jesus Christ all violence, crime, and discrimination perpetrated on account of a person's sexual orientation or gender identity; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, direct the Synod Council to submit a resolution to the Church Council to amend Church Council Action CC93.03.37 so that it incorporates gender identity along with sexual orientation in terms of the ELCA's (a) opposition to harassment or assault as well as (b) support for legislation protecting civil rights and prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and public services and accommodations; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, call upon federal and state legislatures to include sexual orientation and gender identity among the categories by which a crime can be defined as a hate crime; and be it further
RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, call upon federal and state legislatures to include sexual orientation and gender identity among the categories in which discrimination is forbidden in employment, housing, and public services and accommodations; and be it finally
RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, direct this Synod's bishop to express the preceding positions, in writing or in person, to each federal and state legislator representing part of this Synod's territory.

SA2008.07

Budget Cap

The General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be capped at \$1,544,305 and
That motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and
That Fiscal Year 2009 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,544,305 be disbursed 45% to Churchwide, 25% to Partner Ministries, and 30% to Synod Ministries.

SA2008.08

Budget

The 2009 Budget is approved as presented.

SA2008.09

**Honoring 100 Years of Caring-
Josephine Sunset Home**

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly encourages its congregations and affiliated ministries to recognize 2008 as the year to celebrate the 100-year ministry of intergenerational caring at Josephine Sunset Home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly encourages its member congregations to find ways to make known the value of Josephine Sunset Home to their members, and encourage their members to participate in events, tour the facility, and possibly have their children and/or elderly loved ones involved in programs at Josephine; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly applauds the work of Josephine staff members whose vocations involve and include the elderly, rehabilitative patients and young children.

SA2008.10

Bible, Book of Faith Initiative

BE IT RESOLVED, that we become a "Bible Book of Faith" synod, committing ourselves to live in and from the Word of God in all our meetings, assemblies and events, so that as we regularly and increasingly hear, read, study, share and are engaged by God's Word, we lead by example in faithful service and holy living;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bishop of our synod—who "as its pastor, shall be a teacher of the faith of this church and shall provide leadership for the life and witness of this church"—in coordination with the synod advocate lead this initiative personally and through collaborative programmatic work with congregations of the synod;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all voting members of this synod assembly covenant together to begin a regular practice of Bible study and prayer, gathering with others in their congregation and/or community to speak and hear the Word from one another;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we celebrate and continue to support and strengthen those places where Scripture is already taught and engaged, such as Women of the ELCA Bible studies, camping and campus ministries, lay schools, congregational councils, Sunday school and other congregational groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we work with the Lay Theological Education Task Force in cooperative work in clusters and groups of congregations in raising up trained leaders who are eager to share the faith and to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

SA2008.11

A Memorial on the Blessing of Same Gender Couples' Promises of Lifelong Fidelity

RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, direct the Synod Council to submit a resolution to the ELCA Church Council to adopt and offer the following guidance to pastors and congregations as they "discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care for all to whom they minister": Guidance for Services of Blessing the Union of a Same-Gender Couple

1. We define a "Service of Blessing the Union of a Same-Gender Couple" as a prayerful invoking of God's care, mercy, and presence upon a couple so as to strengthen their promises of lifelong love and fidelity.
2. Such a Service of Blessing can occur in either a private or public setting. The couple may desire a private setting where only the pastor and perhaps few others are present to offer a prayer of Blessing, or they may choose to have the Blessing be part of a public service of worship.
3. Such a Service of Blessing shall include these essential elements: (a) a mutual exchange of promises of lifelong love and fidelity, or an affirmation of promises previously exchanged in a civil ceremony; (b) an invocation of the Triune God to be present in the strengthening and the fulfillment of the promises exchanged; and (c) a prayer of Blessing offered by the pastor (and, if appropriate, the congregation) and a pledge to support the couple in the fulfillment of their promises.
4. In preparation for the Service of Blessing, we encourage: (a) consultation between pastor and congregation council prior to the first occasion for a Service of Blessing to determine congregational policy for such services; (b) prayerful and intentional preparation by the couple with the pastor before the Service of Blessing; and (c) the demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) in the life of the couple;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Synod, meeting in Assembly, direct the Synod Council to submit a resolution to the ELCA Church Council to direct the

SA2008.12	Resolution of Thanks	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that this Twenty-first assembly of the Northwest Washington Synod give thanks to God for our mutual support through the Gospel, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the congregations who have taken up this challenge be thanked for their mission support for our common ministry (see attached), and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this assembly communicate our common mission and the work of this synod to their respective congregations, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this assembly thank the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod for their intentional and generous support of Christ's mission as it is embodied in the work of this synod, and celebrate the gifts that the Holy Spirit awakens and provides for the ministry we share.</p>
SA2008.13	The Power of the Gospel	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly memorializes the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to affirm with greater clarity and urgency that God through the power of the Holy Spirit wills to call, gather, enlighten and sanctify every human being regardless of sin by leading them to become repentant, forgiven new people in Jesus Christ.</p>
SA2008.14	PLU Corporation	Members of the Pacific Lutheran University Corporation selected.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2007

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2007.01	Standing Rules	The Standing Rules of the 2007 Synod Assembly are adopted as presented.
SA.2007.02	Agenda	The 2007 Assembly Agenda is adopted as presented.

SA.2007.03

In Support of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network

BE IT RESOLVED that congregations encourage their members to pray for our young people, adult youth ministry leaders, and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congregations encourage adult youth ministry leaders and pastors to take advantage of opportunities that renew, educate, and connect them and their ministries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that individuals from this synod be encouraged to become members of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congregations, organizations, synods and individuals be encouraged to support the ELCA Youth Ministry Network by sending adult youth ministry leaders to the annual Extravaganza in Anaheim, CA February 7-11, 2008 and New Orleans, LA February 5-9, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America memorialize the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to encourage congregations, adult youth ministry leaders and pastors to support the ELCA Youth Ministry Network by joining the network and by sending adult youth ministry leaders to the annual Extravaganza in Anaheim, CA February 7-11, 2008 and New Orleans, LA February 5-9, 2009.

SA.2007.04

Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Cap

That the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2008 shall be capped at \$1,501,709, and

that motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and that Fiscal 2008 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,501,709 be disbursed 45.5% to Churchwide, 24.5% to the Extended Ministries Fund, and 30% to Synod Ministries.

To amend S10.07.01 with additions and ~~deletions~~ as shown, add new bylaw S10.07.02 and renumber subsequent bylaws in this section.

S10.07.01. Except for the elections at the constituting convention, persons shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or from the floor and elected by the Synod Assembly to fill specific positions on the Synod Council. The positions are as follows:

Positions & Designation

1 Youth

1 Active Associate in Ministry

1 Male layperson of color and/or male layperson whose primary language is other than English

1 Female layperson of color and/or female layperson whose primary language is other than English.

1 Ordained minister of color and/or ordained minister whose primary language is other than English.

1 Female ordained minister

4 to 8 Male laypersons (unrestricted)

4 to 8 Female laypersons (unrestricted)

6 Ordained ministers (unrestricted)

The election for Synod Council shall occur in two phases. In the first phase, elections shall take place for a youth, for an active associate in ministry, for a male layperson of color and/or person whose primary language is other than English, for female layperson of color and/or person whose primary language is other than English, for an ordained minister of color and/or ordained minister whose primary language is other than English, and for a female ordained minister. When the first phase of elections for the Synod Council has been completed, the Nominating Committee shall determine the number of male

SA.2007.06 Amendment 56

Add new bylaw S7.21.01, to read:

S7.21.01 Each congregation or ministry currently entitled to elect voting members may elect one additional lay voting member of the Synod Assembly, that member to be a youth who has not reached his or her 18th birthday or has not graduated from high school, whichever occurs later.

And renumber S721.01 and S7.212.02 to S7.21.02 and S7.21.03, respectively.

SA.2007.07 Budget

That the 2008 General Fund Budget is approved as presented.

SA.2007.08

Campus Ministry Anniversary

Be it resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod, the congregations that comprise it and all the ministries of the synod continue to recognize 2007 as the year to celebrate the 100-year heritage of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the United States; and

Be it further resolved that congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod continue to find ways to make known the value of Lutheran Campus Ministry to their members and encourage college-bound students to participate in the furtherance of faith through Lutheran Campus Ministry; and

Be it further resolved that university faculty and staff whose vocations are lived on college and university campuses are encouraged in their ministries of teaching, research and administration and that their unique intellectual contributions are welcomed in the congregations and structures of the Northwest Washington Synod; and

Be it further resolved that new and increased ways – including but not limited to funding – are found to support the work of students, faculty, university staff, and campus ministries in our region; and

Be it further resolved that alumni/ae of Lutheran Campus Ministry and all interested persons be encouraged to participate in the Northwest Washington Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Celebration that will be held in the fall of 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the work of the Lutheran Campus Ministry Task Force established by the 2006 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly be continued through the coming year, submitting a report to the Synod Council in January 2008 and a final report to the Synod Assembly in 2008.

SA.2007.09

PLU Corporation Members

Members presented and approved

SA.2007.10

**Memorial to Respond to the Decision
of the Discipline Hearing Committee**

BE IT RESOLVED that this Synod Assembly submit the following memorial for consideration by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly:

RESOLVED, that the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly direct the Committee on Appeals to develop an amendment to the definitions and guidelines established under ELCA bylaws 20.71.11. and 20.71.12. that removes provisions precluding “practicing homosexual persons” from the rosters of this church; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Churchwide Assembly direct the Vocation and Education unit, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops, to develop an amendment to the policies established under ELCA bylaws 7.31.11., 7.31.13., and 7.51.03.b. that removes provisions requiring persons who are “homosexual in their self-understanding” to “abstain from homosexual sexual relationships”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Churchwide Assembly direct the Vocation and Education unit, in consultation with the Conference of Bishops, to develop an amendment to the policies established under ELCA bylaws 7.31.15. and 7.52.13. that permits the reinstatement to the rosters of this church, without the usual requirement of five consecutive years without call, of persons who have resigned or been removed from the rosters solely because they are in a mutual, chaste, and faithful committed same-gender relationship; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this Churchwide Assembly direct the Church Council to take the necessary steps to amend the definitions and guidelines established under bylaws 20.71.11. and 20.71.12., the policies established under bylaws 7.31.11. and 7.31.13., and the policies established under bylaws 7.31.15. and 7.52.13. in conformity to the preceding directions to the Committee on Appeals and Vocation and Education unit.

SA.2007.11

A Memorial to Endorse Restraint

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Synod Assembly submit the following memorial for consideration by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly:

RESOLVED, that the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA endorses and calls for restraint in the application of provisions relating to the rostered service of persons who, in policies separate from the ELCA Constitution, are referred to as “practicing homosexuals” or as “homosexual in their self-understanding.”

SA.2007.12

A Memorial to Refrain from Discipline

BE IT RESOLVED that this Synod Assembly submit the following memorial for consideration by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly:

RESOLVED, that in order to live together faithfully in the midst of disagreements, synods, synodical bishops, and the Presiding Bishop of this church are encouraged to refrain from disciplining those who – in good conscience and for the sake of outreach, ministry, and commitment to continuing dialogue – call, approve, ordain, commission, or consecrate otherwise-qualified candidates for rostered service who are in a mutual, chaste, and faithful committed same-gender relationship; and be it further RESOLVED, that synods, synodical bishops, and the Presiding Bishop of this church are encouraged to refrain from disciplining those rostered leaders in a mutual, chaste, and faithful committed same-gender relationship who have been thus called, approved, ordained, commissioned, or consecrated.

SA.2007.13

**Anguished Lutheran Hispanic
Community**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod lead and comfort our Hispanic Community during this time of Kairos until the time of justice comes upon us and have us as part of our flock; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the good offices of our congregations, Synod Council and the office of the Bishop denounce and demand that the raids, deportations and massive firings of undocumented immigrant workers cease immediately; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the bishop meet with the heads of our ecumenical partners to jointly denounce the massive raids and deportations; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the bishop encourage Lutheran agencies, congregations and committees to designate grants that will create or support faith based institutions that are currently serving the undocumented immigrants within the United States who are currently being defrauded by unscrupulous and untrustworthy organizations that profit at their expense; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the bishop meet with grass roots leaders involved in immigration issues, to listen to their concerns and pray for members who are confronting deportation proceedings; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the bishop and synod office make available the New Sanctuary Movement Statement of Support and Involvement to congregations and that the Synod Council consider adopting this Statement at the 2008 Synod Assembly; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America memorialize the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly to request the Presiding Bishop provide for an urgent national meeting church workers, lawyers and theologians to establish strategies for accompanying undocumented immigrants, including the establishment and support of Sanctuaries in congregations; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical

SA.2007.14 **Stand Against the Iraqi War**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA publicly stand in opposition to the U.S. war against Iraq; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA call upon the President of the United States and the congressional members of the State of Washington to be expeditious in bringing our troops home, while pursuing non-military political solutions with Iraq and with the rest of the nations of the region; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA memorializes the Church Council of the ELCA and the ELCA Conference of Bishops to take a similar stand in opposition to the U.S. war against Iraq; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA memorializes the 2007 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly in Chicago to take a similar stand in opposition to the U.S. war against Iraq.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2006

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2006.01	Amendment to Standing Rules	BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules are amended to include in Rule 14 "The Reference and Counsel Committee is directed to give priority to resolutions which are related to the assembly theme."
SA.2006.02	Standing Rules	BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules for the 2006 Synod Assembly are approved as amended.
SA.2006.03	Agenda	BE IT RESOLVED that the Revision 4/20/06 of the 2006 Synod Assembly Agenda is approved as presented.

SA.2006.04	Establish a Fair Trade Resource Group	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the NW Washington Synod ELCA establish a Fair Trade Resource Group.</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, that the mission of this resource group will be to educate congregations of the NW Washington Synod ELCA about fair trade products and practices and to encourage them to support our neighbors in need by purchasing and using fair trade products when available.</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, that the NW Washington Synod support this resource group as its representatives to participate in local and regional interfaith fair trade associations and activities.</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, that this resource group shall have access to the communication resources of the NW Washington Synod for the purpose of informing congregations of this Synod about fair trade products and practices.</p>
SA.2006.05	Adoption of Latino Mission Strategy	<p>BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Washington Synod affirm and adopt the Latino Ministries Strategy for Region 1: 2005-2010 as a working document for mission development in the synod among Latino persons.</p>
SA.2006.06	ONE Campaign	<p>Be It Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod urge members of our Congregations to support the ONE Campaign and the ONE Lutherans advocacy program, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a synod wide ONE Lutheran Resource Team be formed to offer resources, supplies, speaker's bureau, assistance, and information to interested congregations and individuals and to coordinate with ONE Lutheran Churchwide staff.</p>
SA.2006.07	Amendment 53 - VP to CWA	<p>S8.22.01 The vice president shall be ex officio a member of the Churchwide Assembly.</p>

SA.2006.08

Partnership to End Homelessness

BE IT RESOLVED that, because we hear Jesus fully and without fear in the greatest commandment to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves, the Northwest Washington Synod, through encouraging prayer and establishing a budget and partnerships to support this work, challenges congregations toward partnerships for the development of affordable supportive housing, and to actively support and supplement ministries of charity, compassion, and justice on behalf of persons who are homeless and unacceptably housed, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod Assembly authorizes either the Bishop or Synod Council or both to exercise decision-making strategies that support congregational action that both issue from Scriptural mandates and utilize education and advocacy to change and renew how we in the Northwest Washington Synod see and serve the poor, and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod be full partner with its ecclesial and civil partners who call and act for the end of homelessness via Ten Year Plans by formally endorsing said plan synod wide through the Synod Council, and within their respective jurisdictions the congregations of this Synod are strongly encouraged to endorse local plans to end homelessness as such plans develop.

SA.2006.09

Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund receipts be disbursed with 45 percent to Churchwide and 55 percent to Synod Ministries, and
Be it further resolved that the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year 2007 shall be capped at \$1,500,000, and
Be it further resolved that funds in excess of \$1,500,000 shall be dispersed at the discretion of the Synod Council.

SA.2006.10

**Honoring 100 Years of Lutheran
Campus Ministry**

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution M – Honoring 100 Years of Lutheran Campus Ministry is amended to include “Be it further resolved that the Bishop appoint a five to seven member task force to examine all aspects of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northwest Washington Synod for the next ten years, including to but not limited to funding, governance of local sites, property and maintenance, bringing staff salaries to Synod guidelines, and the potential establishment of a campus ministry foundation. The two campus pastors called by our synod to serve at Western Washington University and the University of Washington shall be ex officio members of this task force. This task force shall make regular reports to the synod council and report its findings and make recommendations to the 2007 Synod Assembly.”

SA.2006.11

Campus Ministry

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod, the congregations that comprise it and all the ministries of the synod recognize 2007 as the year to celebrate the 100-year heritage of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the United States; and

Be it further resolved that congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod find ways to make known the value of Lutheran Campus Ministry to their members and encourage college-bound students to participate in the furtherance of faith through Lutheran Campus Ministry; and

Be it further resolved that university faculty and staff whose vocations are lived on college and university campuses are encouraged in their ministries of teaching, research and administration and that their unique intellectual contributions are welcomed in the congregations and structures of the Northwest Washington Synod; and

Be it further resolved that new and increased ways – including but not limited to funding – are found to support the work of students, faculty, university staff, and campus ministries in our region; and

Be it further resolved that alumni/ae of Lutheran Campus Ministry and all interested persons be encouraged to participate in the Northwest Washington Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Celebration that will be held in 2007; and Be it further resolved that Sunday, April 29, 2007 be designated as Lutheran Campus Ministry Centennial Sunday in the Northwest Washington Synod.

Be it further resolved that the Bishop appoint a five to seven member task force to examine all aspects of Lutheran Campus Ministry in the North-west Washington Synod for the next ten years, including to but not limited to funding, governance of local sites, property and maintenance, bringing staff salaries to Synod guidelines, and the potential establishment of a campus

SA.2006.12 **Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center**

BE IT RESOLVED that Congregations within the Northwest Washington Synod are encouraged to honor and celebrate their partnership as owners of Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center by actively participating in the ministry; and

Be it further Resolved that every congregation is urged to appoint Ambassadors to serve as liaisons with Lutherwood and send them as representatives to the camp's annual meeting, and to give the camp contact information for those Ambassadors as soon as possible; and

Be it further Resolved that congregations are strongly encouraged to support the camp financially through inclusion in their budgets, special offerings, and by funding projects at Lutherwood; and

Be it further Resolved that congregations are strongly encouraged to give preference and consideration to Lutherwood when choosing a site for council, confirmation and congregational retreats, and when deciding where to send their children and teens to summer camp; and

Be it further Resolved that congregations give encouragement to their members to use their gifts and talents in active service to Christ by volunteering at Lutherwood.

SA.2006.13 Amendment 44 - Second Reading

To amend S7.23.: All ordained ministers on leave from call, all associates in ministry on leave from call, all deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on leave from call, and all diaconal ministers of this church on leave from call, all of whose names appear on the rosters of this synod, shall have the privilege of voice but not vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly. The 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 no 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.

SA.2006.14	Amendment 48 - Second Reading	To amend S9.03: There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than seven members who shall be appointed by the Synod Council in accordance with S11.01.03.b. Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.
SA.2006.15	Amendment 51	Delete S6.03.01, which reads as follows: S6.03.01 Associates in ministry are individuals who qualify as such in accordance with paragraph 7.51. of the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its accompanying bylaws and continuing resolutions and are on the rosters of this synod. And renumber S6.30.02 and S6.30.03 to S6.03.01 and S6.03.02, respectively.
SA.2006.16	Amendment 52	To amend S7.26.: This synod may establish processes through the Synod Council that permit representatives of mission settings formed with the intent of becoming chartered congregations and authorized worshiping 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. Authorized worshiping communities, acknowledged under criteria, policies, and procedures approved by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, shall accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith and Statement of Purpose of this church, shall be served by leadership under the criteria of this church, and shall be subject to the discipline of this church.

To separate S9.04.02. into two bylaws and amend:

S9.04.02. The bishop shall be elected by vote of the Synod Assembly. The names of all persons nominated in accordance with provisions of S9.04. and S9.04.01. shall be placed on the first ballot at the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly, except for any nominee(s) who withdraw(s) in writing. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the first ballot.

If no one is elected, the second ballot shall be limited to the seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes cast on the first ballot.

Two-thirds of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the second ballot.

(If less than seven persons are on the first ballot and no one is elected, the election shall proceed to the third ballot, as provided below.)

If no one is elected, the third ballot shall be limited to the three persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes cast on the second ballot., Sixty percent of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election on the third ballot.

If no one is elected, subsequent ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes cast on the previous ballot. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary for election.

S9.04.03. During the election process, nominees shall make presentations to the Synod Assembly and/or respond to questions at a time and in a format determined by the Synod Council.

SA.2006.18

Mission Giving

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution J – Mission Giving be amended to read: Be It Resolved that during the coming year each congregation of the Northwest Washington Synod shall be strongly encouraged to provide teaching on giving thanks through first-fruit giving, percentage giving and tithing to members through one or more of the following: sermons; Bible studies;; newsletter articles; use of an outside speaker - resource person; participation in stewardship seminars or workshops;

And Be It Further Resolved that each congregation of the Northwest Washington Synod shall be strongly encouraged to implement a plan to grow in being thankful, as demonstrated through mission support giving through the Northwest Washington Synod by 1% of regular offering income in 2006;

And Be It Further Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod Council be directed to provide such grants as deemed necessary to assist a congregation to obtain materials, secure resource persons or attend a seminar for the purpose of growing congregation offerings and mission support.

SA.2006.19	Mission Giving	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that during the coming year each congregation of the Northwest Washington Synod shall be strongly encouraged to provide teaching on giving thanks through first-fruit giving, percentage giving and tithing to members through one or more of the following: sermons; Bible studies;; newsletter articles; use of an outside speaker - resource person; participation in stewardship seminars or workshops;</p> <p>And Be It Further Resolved that each congregation of the Northwest Washington Synod shall be strongly encouraged to implement a plan to grow in being thankful, as demonstrated through mission support giving through the Northwest Washington Synod by 1% of regular offering income in 2006; And Be It Further Resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod Council be directed to provide such grants as deemed necessary to assist a congregation to obtain materials, secure resource persons or attend a seminar for the purpose of growing congregation offerings and mission support.</p>
SA.2006.20	Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the NW Washington Synod in Assembly encourages its members, congregations, clusters, and other groupings to enter into moral deliberation and discussion concerning our nation's foreign and military policy, making use of resources and activities from "Equipping for Peacemaking" of the ELCA, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, and other sources, and</p> <p>Be it further resolved that individuals, congregations, clusters, and other groupings prayerfully consider becoming involved in studying, developing, and signing "Kairos 2006" as one step in being "Public Church," following God's command to be peacemakers.</p>
SA.2006.21	Budget	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the 2007 General Fund Budget is approved as presented.</p>
SA.2006.22	Deferring until Plenary 4	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the assembly defers action on Resolution O until Plenary 4.</p>

SA.2006.23	Expressing Gratitude for the Care and Support of Gay and Lesbian People and Their Families in our Synod	BE IT RESOLVED, that this Assembly of the Northwest Washington Synod direct the secretary of the synod to thank the synod bishop, synod staff, synod council and synod committees for living out this unity in the care and support they continue to offer the gay and lesbian people and their families among us, receiving their gifts of time, talent, treasure and ministry on their own merits for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
SA.2006.24	Amendment to the resolution: Ministering to Gays and Lesbians in Light of the 2005 Orlando Decisions	BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution N be amended to read “that the NW WA Synod of the ELCA hold four public forums, from September 2006 to May 2007, in different locations of our synod, led by Bishop Boerger, to help congregations and pastors discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care to all to whom they minister.”
SA.2006.25	Ministering to Gays and Lesbians in Light of the 2005 Orlando Decisions	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA hold four public forums, from September 2006 to May 2007, in different locations of our synod, led by Bishop Boerger, to help congregations and pastors discern ways to provide faithful pastoral care to all to whom they minister.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2005

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2005.01	Standing Rules	BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Rules for the 2005 Synod Assembly be approved as presented.
SA.2005.02	Agenda	BE IT RESOLVED that the Final Revision of the 2005 Synod Assembly Agenda be approved as presented
SA.2005.03	Receive Edmonds Lutheran as a congregation	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly joyfully receives Edmonds Lutheran Church as a congregation of this synod; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pastors and members of Edmonds Lutheran Church be seated as full members of this assembly.
SA.2005.04	Receive Grace Chinese Lutheran Church as a congregation	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly joyfully receives Grace Chinese Lutheran Church as a congregation of this synod; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pastors and members of Grace Chinese Lutheran Church be seated as full members of this assembly.

SA.2005.05	Property Transfer to Grace Chinese	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod Assembly approves the transfer of the property of the former Hope Lutheran Church to Grace Chinese Lutheran Church; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod authorizes the Synod Council and the officers of this synod to sign the required documents to transfer ownership of this property.</p>
SA.2005.06	Budget	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the General Fund Budget to be adopted for the Fiscal Year 2006 shall be capped at \$1,500,000, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that motions to increase any expenditure item in said fund shall include a recommended offsetting decrease, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fiscal Year 2006 General Fund receipts in excess of \$1,500,000 be disbursed 45 percent to churchwide and 55 percent to synod ministries.</p>
SA.2005.07	Amendment 44 – First Reading	<p>S7.23. All ordained ministers on leave from call, all associates in ministry on leave from call or retired, all deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on leave from call or retired, and all diaconal ministers of this church on leave from call or retired, all of whose names appear on the rosters of this synod, shall have the privilege of voice but not vote at all meetings of the Synod Assembly. The 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 no not vote in the meetings of the Synod Assembly. Like privileges shall be accorded to those members of the steering committee of the region who are not voting members of the Synod Assembly and to those additional persons whom the Synod Assembly or the Synod Council shall from time to time designate.</p>
SA.2005.08	Amendment 45	<p>S7.32 Robert’s Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure of the Synod Assembly, unless otherwise ordered by the assembly.</p>
SA.2005.09	Amendment 46	<p>S8.14. The synodical bishop may have such assistants as this synod shall from time to time authorize.</p>

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S9.04.02. The bishop shall be elected by vote of the Synod Assembly. The names of all persons nominated in accordance with provisions of S9.04. and S9.04.01. shall be placed on the first ballot at the regular meeting of the Synod Assembly, unless a nominee withdraws in writing. Three-fourths of the legal votes cast shall be necessary to for election on the first ballot. If no one is elected, the second ballot shall be limited to seven persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the first ballot. On the second ballot, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. If less than seven persons are on the first ballot and no one is elected, the election shall proceed to the third ballot, as provided below. The third ballot shall be limited to three persons (plus ties) who receive the greatest number of legal votes on the second ballot, and 60 percent of the votes shall be necessary for election. The ballots shall be limited to the two persons (plus ties) who received the greatest number of legal votes on the previous ballot. During the election process, nominees shall make presentations to the Synod Assembly and/or respond to questions at a time and in a format determined by the Synod Council.

S9.03. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than seven members who shall be appointed by the Synod Council ~~in accordance with S11.01.03.b.~~ Additional nominations may be made from the floor for all elections for which nominations are made by the Nominating Committee.

Delete the current:

S11.01.16. Nominating Committee There shall be a Nominating Committee in accordance with S9.03. The function of the Nominating Committee shall be:

- a. to establish a procedure to elicit qualified candidates from the congregations in this synod. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two persons for the office of Vice President, council, board, committee or Churchwide assembly member position for which an election will be held by the Synod Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall report its nominations to the Synod Council, which shall communicate the report to the congregations in this synod no less than sixty days before the Synod Assembly.
- b. to establish a procedure to elicit qualified candidates from the congregations in this synod to serve on council, boards, committees or as replacement for elected members of the council, boards or committees which may be made by the Synod Council. The Nominating Committee shall make recommendations to the Synod Council whenever a vacancy occurs.
- c. To recommend persons for appointment by the Synod Council to positions representing this synod to other organizations or boards to which this synod has the right of representation.

Add the following:

S9.03.01 The Synod Council shall appoint one of the members of the Nominating Committee as chairperson. The chairperson shall convene the

SA.2005.12	Amendment 49	<p>Delete current S9.11.04: Members of the steering committee of the region shall be elected by majority vote of the Synod Assembly in accordance with bylaw 18.11.21. of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Members of the Synod Council other than the bishop shall not serve as members of the steering committee. Except for the elections at the constituting convention, each member of the steering committee, other than the bishop, shall be elected to a term of four years and may not be elected for more than two consecutive four year terms. The parish pastor and one layperson elected at the constituting convention shall serve an initial term of two years.</p> <p>Substitute the following:</p> <p>S9.11.04. The Synod Council shall elect or appoint representatives to the Regional Governing Council (region steering committee). Such representatives shall include the Bishop, the Synod Vice-President and other representatives as may be determined jointly by synodical-churchwide consultation.</p>
SA2005.13	Amendment 50	<p>Renumber current bylaw S10.01.01. to S10.01.02. Add new bylaw: S10.01.01. The term of office of Synod Council members shall begin on the first day of the third month following election.</p>
SA.2005.14	Budget	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the 2006 General Fund Budget be approved as presented.</p>
SA.2005.15	Encourage Tithing	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod, ELCA whose benevolence giving to the Synod is currently less than 10% of annual congregational income be invited to reach at least 10% (a tithe) benevolence giving to the Synod, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congregations whose benevolence giving to the Northwest Washington Synod equals or exceeds 10% be encouraged toward continued growth in benevolence giving; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each congregation annually informs its members of its level of benevolence giving, and the ministries benevolence supports.</p>

SA.2005.16

Ending Hunger as a Core Conviction

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod makes ending hunger a core conviction of its ministry and mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this synod memorializes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and all its expressions to make ending hunger a core conviction for this church at the 2005 Churchwide Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that what ending hunger as a "core conviction" means for each expression of the ELCA is that as a regular dimension of ministry and mission it

- Equips and encourages congregations to engage in efforts to feed the hungry and promote community economic development.

- Initiates with other congregations, judiciaries, synods and church bodies, especially with full communion partners, advocacy of laws and policies to end hunger at community, state, national and global levels and supports such laws and policies as applies in their area of influence.

- Encourages all expressions of the ELCA be encouraged to support the ELCA Hunger Appeal and that the leaders of the ELCA Hunger Appeal be directed to give leadership to these efforts.

- Continues to undertake relief efforts and implement sustainable development in partnership with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations and in cooperation with other people of faith in situations of extreme hunger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this synod memorializes the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to make ending hunger a core conviction of the ELCA in the strategic planning process leading to any possible churchwide restructuring proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this synod memorializes the ELCA to engage in the process together with the Lutheran World Federation and bring a proposal to the Lutheran World Federation's Eleventh Assembly to make ending hunger a

SA.2005.17	Blessing of Covenanted Same-Gender Relationships	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod memorializes the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt the following as the policy of this church: It shall be the policy of the ELCA, that for the sake of outreach, ministry, mission and prayerful support, a congregation may choose to give its pastor or pastors discretion to perform services of blessing of covenanted same-gender relationships.
SA.2005.18	Ordination of Clergy in Covenanted Same-Gender Relationships	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod memorializes the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt the following: That it shall be the policy of this church that there be no policy barrier to rostered service for otherwise qualified persons in same-gender covenanted relationships that are “mutual, chaste and faithful,” (Vision & Expectations, page 13), and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division for Ministry or its successor(s), in consultation with the Conference of Bishops and through action of the Church Council, revise Vision & Expectations and Definition and Guidelines for Discipline in accordance with the foregoing resolution.
SA.2005.19	Support And Monitoring Of ELCA Anti-Racism	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod memorializes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its churchwide assembly in Orlando, Florida, August 8 – 14, 2005, to declare its intention to live out its commitment to persevere against racism and white privilege and strive to be transformed, by allocating resources for a full-time position, support staff and program budget for the work of anti-racism and dismantling white privilege education, action, and resource development within the Office of the Bishop and the Multicultural Ministries Unit; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the anti-racism efforts of the ELCA be monitored by the Unit for Multicultural Ministries and that a full report on the efforts against racism and toward transformation and growth be reported to each churchwide assembly.

SA.2005.20	Resolution Citations	<p>WHEREAS resolutions may come before the Assembly purporting to state or reaffirm ELCA policy or scriptural instruction; and</p> <p>WHEREAS such resolutions by their phrasing may serve to limit or inflame discussion;</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Reference and Counsel, may, at its discretion, require the resolution's maker to include citations for the relevant organizational documents or scripture passages; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such resolutions shall be the subject of discussion at an evening forum or at some other time specifically set aside for discussion prior to floor consideration; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion will be moderated by a person or persons, other than the maker, with competence in the subject of the resolution; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such resolutions must be received no later than one month prior to the assembly to allow the maker to respond and discussion leaders to be secured.</p>
SA.2005.21	Support for Lutheran World Relief, Fair Trade and the LWR Coffee Project	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod encourages congregations of this Northwest Washington Synod to participate in the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project through the purchase of fair trade coffee, tea and cocoa for home use as well as to be served during congregational events; and</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, that the Northwest Washington Synod, whenever possible, use fair trade coffee from the Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project at future assemblies of this Northwest Washington Synod and at Northwest Washington Synod sponsored events.</p>

SA.2005.22	Encourage Appointment of Global Mission Advocates in Synod Parishes	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwest Washington Synod encourages each member parish, synodically-authorized worship community or cluster to designate a Global Mission Advocate to serve as the primary point of contact for the Global Mission Committee, and their partner affiliates, for the dissemination of important information regarding the global mission opportunities and accomplishments of the church; and</p> <p>FURTHERMORE, that each parish forward the contact information for this designated Global Mission Advocate to the Secretary of the Global Missions Committee of the Northwest Washington Synod through the Synod Office, to be maintained in a database and shared with partner affiliates, before December 31, 2005.</p>
SA.2005.23	Copyright Adherence	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly direct the synod council to develop a plan to encourage all congregations and synodically-approved worship communities within this synod to become informed about and adhere to copyright laws; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this plan be implemented prior to the next synod assembly.</p>
SA.2005.24	Resolution in support of Augsburg Fortress	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that ELCA members, congregations, and related institutions of the Northwest Washington Synod carefully consider the stewardship aspects of their purchases of faith formation, worship, and church supply resources; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members, congregations, and related institutions of the Northwest Washington Synod examine Augsburg Fortress resources for quality, price, and level of service whenever purchasing decisions are made and that they will purchase resources from Augsburg Fortress in support of this ministry of this church when such resources are equal in quality, price, and level of customer service.</p>

SA.2005.25	Seeking Extension of Full Communion Status	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod memorializes the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to make provision for a relationship of Full Communion to be granted to all rostered persons in good standing, who for reasons of conscience may find it necessary to leave the ELCA, and yet find no conflict with continued service in an ELCA congregation or setting, and,</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod memorializes the ELCA to keep on its rosters all persons in good standing, who desire to remain on the roster even if the congregation or setting chooses to leave the ELCA.</p>
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Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2004

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA.2004.01	Establish a task group to explore a bi-annual assembly	BE IT RESOLVED that the Bishop appoint a task force to study the feasibility of this synod adopting a policy of bi-annual assemblies. This group is required to render a report and a recommendation to the 2005 synod assembly for its consideration and/or action.
SA.2004.02	Sexuality	BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Northwest Washington Synod, memorialize the ELCA to affirm with greater clarity and urgency that the Lord God through the power of the Holy Spirit wills to call, gather, enlighten and sanctify any human being regardless of their sinful sexual behavior by leading them to become repentant, forgiven new people in Jesus Christ.
SA.2004.04	Allow Congregational Referendums on Churchwide Decisions	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA memorializes the ELCA Church Council to instruct the Office of the Secretary of the ELCA to study and prepare the proper documentation to amend the ELCA Constitution and Bylaws to allow congregational referendums on Churchwide decisions in the ELCA; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report and documentation be completed for presentation to the 2007 Churchwide Assembly.
SA2004.05	Definition of marriage - DEFEATED	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA Memorializes the ELCA to affirm marriage as the life-long union of love between one man and one woman and regards any change from this standard to be a grave error.

SA2004.06	Statement of Welcome for all congregations	BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA agrees to recommend to all of its congregations that they adopt the following declaration: “We are an open and repenting congregation, which in Lutheran churches is called following Christ. We seek to share God’s love with all people regardless of race, age, gender or sexual orientation. All are welcome ‘to repent and believe the Gospel!’ (Mark 1:15).”
SA2004.07	Riverton Heights and a New Ministry and Transformational Ministry Fund	BE IT RESOLVED that the balance of Temporarily Restricted Net Assets from the Ministry Loan Fund Distribution and a portion of the Unrestricted – Designated Net Assets from the Riverton Heights property, such that the total amount equals \$600,000, be reserved for the purpose of providing financial support for starting new congregations and for transformational ministry projects; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Synod Council be authorized, for a period of five years from the date of this meeting, or until the funds have been fully expended, to commit and authorize expenditure of funds for specific projects, consistent with the stated purpose, upon recommendation by the Board of Outreach.
SA2004.08	Riverton Heights and a New Leadership Fund	BE IT RESOLVED that the balance of Unrestricted – Designated Net Assets from the Riverton Heights property, approximately \$270,000, be reserved to fund leadership development projects or matching grants to congregations in the areas of evangelism and stewardship; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Synod Council be authorized, for a period of five years from the date of this meeting, or until the funds have been fully expended, to commit and authorize expenditure of funds for specific projects consistent with the stated purpose.
SA.2004.09	Thank You to Bp. Hansen	BE IT RESOLVED that this assembly of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America formally communicate our support and encouragement to presiding bishop Mark Hanson for his efforts to end U.S. military involvement in Iraq through the transferring of the responsibility for the stabilization and Iraqi resumption of political authority to international authorities.

SA.2004.15

**Memorial to ELCA Churchwide
regarding doctrine**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA memorializes the ELCA to reaffirm 1. “This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the inspired (emphasis added) Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith, and life.” (ELCA Constitution S2.03 in its entirety); and 2. Luther’s statements about the Scriptures being the lowly swaddling clothes holding the Christ to whom the angels point (paraphrase, Luther’s Works, vol. 35, 236); and 3. sound principles of Biblical interpretation, such as e. using Scripture to interpret Scripture when it is unclear; and f. interpreting texts in their literary context; and g. interpreting texts in their historical context; and h. praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and 4. the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit in using church doctrine, contemporary experience and scientific knowledge as tools for discerning God’s will through the Holy Bible.

Northwest Washington Synod Assembly Resolutions - 2003

CODE	TITLE	RESOLVED
SA2003.01	Marriage	BE it resolved that the Northwest Washington Synod affirms marriage as the life-long union of one man and one woman and regards any change in the doctrine of marriage as a grave error. Moved to table until a time unspecified.
SA2003.02	Anti-Racism Training	Be it resolved that within two years, anti-racism training sessions will be offered to our congregations and their leader through cluster area events, train the Synod Council, all rostered people, and our congregations membership; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all people, of all ages, in our synod will be encouraged to take this training, the goal being that racism and white privilege will be confronted personally with eventual elimination in our society; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this synod go on record to be advocates for public policies that will confront racism wherever it exists in our state and nation (ELCA Social Statement #4 pg.7; adopted 1993 by more than 2/3rds majority vote).

SA.2003.03

Support of LWR Quilters

BE IT RESOLVED that each pastor of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to: 1) visit the quilting group of his/her congregation; 2) express deep gratitude and appreciation from the Lutheran church for their quilting ministries throughout the decades; 3) encourage the quilting group and the whole congregation to solicit more new and younger members, so that the quilting ministries may continue into the future; 4) encourage quilting members to consider designating a portion of their estate to combat world hunger and its cause through Lutheran World Relief and/or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, so that the financial resources of the church for such ministries of global compassion will continue to grow stronger in the future; 5) encourage all members of the whole congregation to consider giving a portion of their estate to these ministries; 6) distribute a brochure developed by LWR, that expresses appreciation for the quilters, encourages a new generation of quilters, and motivate all members to designate a portion of their estates to the ministries of compassion and justice that they have supported in their lifetime.

SA2003.04

Call Process Policy

Be it resolved to adopt the attached call process policy as proposed by the Call Process Task Force for the calling of ordained ministers in the Northwest Washington Synod.

SA.2003.05

Support for LWR Campaign

BE IT RESOLVED that congregations and individuals of the Northwest Washington Synod commit to the Lutheran World Relief “ALL OUR CHILDREN” campaign in whatever ways they are able to participate and raise awareness of this great need.