

2018 Courtesy Resolution

WHEREAS the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathered in assembly, called to be a church located in this world, with a presence in the power of God and Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS we as Ambassadors for Christ are equipped and sent together to be messengers of reconciliation, spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people; and

WHEREAS we, the body of Christ, engaging others in our relationship with God, seek to tell the story of God's love and grace through stewardship, mission support and interpretation, discipleship and evangelism:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Ohio Synod in assembly extends its appreciation and thanks for the dedicated work and commitment of time to assembly planning coordinator Sony Gilroy and Assembly Planning committee members The Rev. Christy Buyok, Jane Koch, Larry Fenton, John Sleasman, Marilyn Matevia, Evan Buyok, worship leaders and musicians, and all others who helped to organize this assembly, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we give thanks for Mikka McCracken, Director of Planning and Engagement, ELCA World Hunger, for her presentations, insights, and encouragement; and for the Lutheran Youth Organization who carefully planned a concurrent young-peoples' event, led us in service projects, and will be leading us in worship; and that we pray for them as they leave for the National Youth Gathering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will, as congregations of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, pray for the Spirit-filled leadership and guidance in the many and various ministries of our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Abraham Allende, Synod officers, council, and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage every rostered and lay person participating in congregational life to identify and spiritually lift up those who have the God-given gifts for ministry to share the Good News of God, in Jesus Christ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank those committed individuals who in their own way have risen to the challenge to proclaim and seek out disciples of Christ as they spread the word of God so all the world may believe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize the significant anniversaries and appreciate the faithful congregations and rostered leaders who have shared in the ministry our reconciliation to God and each other; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm our commitment to be working advocates to support the needs of human beings experiencing hunger, oppression, injustice, poverty, abandonment, and exclusion throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support justice and full equality for all women, including women leaders and those who aspire to lead, and embrace the gifts and opportunities diversity brings; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we give thanks that by grace we go forth with courage to be advocates, go forth and be ambassadors for Christ, go forth and be creators of justice, and be church for the sake of the world.

Let us joyfully adopt this resolution by applause.