

**MEMORIAL TO ENCOURAGE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ACTIONS ON MINISTRY POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted resolutions on ministry policies that included a commitment to “finding ways for people in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church” [CA09.05.26] and a process of “structured flexibility” that would eliminate the prohibition on rostered service by individuals in such relationships while not imposing such service on any expression of this church [CA09.05.27]; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with and in order to implement the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA Church Council has amended the policy on reinstatement to the roster and will consider amendments to “Visions and Expectations,” “Definition and Guidelines for Discipline,” the “Candidacy Manual,” and other documents; and

WHEREAS, members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America endorse the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly on ministry policies and desire their prompt implementation as soon as reasonably possible and the integration of qualified persons in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relations onto the rosters of this church for the sake of mission and ministry; and

[WHEREAS, members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (insert other explanatory reasons in support of this memorial);] therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Synod Assembly memorialize the 2011 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as follows:

- (1) to encourage the full implementation as soon as reasonably possible of the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly with respect to ministry policies; and
- (2) to urge the Church Council, appropriate units and committees of the churchwide organization, synods, and congregations to take additional steps, consistent with the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly, to implement fully and as soon as reasonably possible “structured flexibility” in candidacy and call processes, and to integrate fully qualified candidates and pastors who are in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same gender relationships into life of this church for the sake of its mission and ministry.