



**Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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**Sponsor:** Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Council

**Title:** **Honoring the Ministry of Bishop Richard H. Graham**

**WHEREAS,** the Reverend Richard H. Graham has faithfully served the Church of Christ as Bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod for twelve years since his first election in 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Graham has exercised insightful and inspiring leadership in seeking to guide this synod in mission amid great challenges in changing demographics, critical financial conditions and a sharply divided political culture; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Graham has provided compassionate pastoral care and support for this synod, its congregations, its rostered ministers, and lay members, both in times of challenge and in times of celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Graham has exhibited great integrity and mutuality in ecumenical and interfaith activities in the National Capital Area, including high-visibility funerals for national leaders, visits by world religious leaders and as host for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Graham has sought to put this synod on a solid foundation for future ministry through initiatives such as the New Connections campaign; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly give thanks to God for the ministry of the Reverend Richard H. Graham; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the assembly expresses its heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation for the sacrifices made by Reverend Graham and Ms. Nancy Ann Graham on behalf of their service to Christ's Church.