

*The following resolution was adopted by the 2009 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly during its Spring Session on May 8-9 at the Kellogg Conference Center of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. “Whereas” clauses are listed as background for voting members. The Assembly votes on “resolved” clauses only.*

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### **Expression of Gratitude to Spouses and Families of Synod’s Rostered Leaders**

WHEREAS, single rostered leaders with no spousal or other means of financial support, may have difficulty surviving on the pay they receive in underpaid positions; and

WHEREAS, married rostered leaders of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, especially those with children, may find it difficult to support their families by means of the compensation packages offered them by their respective congregations or church agency; and

WHEREAS, many rostered leaders may rely on the economic and emotional support of their spouse and/or family members; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in Assembly express its gratitude to the spouses and other family members of the Synod’s rostered leadership for their assistance in subsidizing the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in serving as important partners in the church’s ministry.