

The following resolution was adopted by the 2010 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly during its Spring Session on May 7-8 at the National Conference Center in Landsdowne, Virginia. "Whereas" clauses are listed as background for voting members. The Assembly votes on "resolved" clauses only.

Expression of Thanks and Gratitude

Whereas, the staff of the National Conference Center in Landsdowne, Virginia have served as gracious hosts for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly, providing facilities and support for this 2010 Synod Assembly; and

Whereas, the 2010 Assembly Planning Committee and many others have worked many hours to prepare for this assembly; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in Assembly express its gratitude and extend its heartfelt thanks to God and to all whose support and efforts have made this Synod Assembly an efficient and joyful gathering of God's people, including:

- the staff of the National Conference Center in Landsdowne, Virginia;
- the Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli, Assistant to the Bishop;
- the Reverend Dr. Philip C. Hirsch, Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop for the Metro D.C. Synod;
- Dr. John White, Vice President of the Synod; the Reverend Dr. Marguerite Rourk, Secretary of the Synod; and Mr. John Handley, Treasurer of the Synod;
- Ms. Amy Acland for registration and on-site administrative support;
- the Synod office staff: Ms. Amy Acland, Ms. Karen Krueger, Mr. Harold Sargeant and their team of volunteers for their "behind the scenes" work so important to this assembly;
- Ms. Kristen Glass, representing the Presiding Bishop and the church wide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and for leading the assembly in Bible Study;
- the Rev. Karen Ward who was our keynote speaker and worship facilitator;
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the generous grant for the voting devices;
- the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, under the leadership of the Reverend Robert Driver Bishop and the Reverend Terri Driver Bishop;
- Ms. Debbie Streicher, Mr. Jonathan Magwire, Mr. Philip Meuschke for their work as the volunteer Media Coordinators, and Mr. Stephen Padre for volunteering with Communications;
- the Nominating Committee under the leadership of the Reverend Gary Rhinesmith;
- the Elections Committee under the leadership of the Reverend Bill Nienstedt;

- the Assembly parliamentarian, Mr. Richard Ahlberg;
- those who facilitated the workshops;
- the Assembly Worship Planning Team, led by the Reverend Kate Murray
 - presiders and preachers: the Reverend Richard Graham; the sacristans; the Rev. Kimberly S. Conway, the Rev. Steve Buechler, and the Rev. Kate Murray;
 - the musicians: Dr. Jeffery Pannebaker, AIM; Tara Ward, and Phil Woodward;– and all others who assisted in our worship life;
- the Pastors and choir of the Oromo Evangelical Church of Washington, D.C.
- those who permitted their names to be placed before this assembly for election to the Synod Council, and as Voting Members to the 2011 Churchwide Assembly
- those who are completing their terms of service on the Synod Council:
 - The Rev. Michael Wilker
 - Ms. Ruth Manchester
 - The Rev. Elizabeth Platz
 - Mr. Robert Joppa
 - Mr. James Brookshire
 - The Rev. Joel Guttormson
 - Mr. Phil Soucy
 - Deacon Katherine Miller Holland
 - Mr. Robert Smith
- ecumenical and other invited guests who attended the assembly:
 - the Rev. Jonathan Barton, General Minister, Virginia Council of Churches
 - the Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, Bishop, Diocese of Washington, ECUSA
 - the Right Reverend David C. Jones, Bishop Suffragan, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia;
 - the Rev. David Maack, 3rd Vice President, Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
 - the Rev. Andrew Genszler, Director for Advocacy and Director for the ELCA Washington Office Church in Society
- the Reverend Richard H. Graham, Bishop of the Synod, for his leadership of this assembly, and his wife, Nancy Ann, for her faithful support of our bishop and this church.