

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.

**Memorial to Encourage the 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 amended “Vision and Expectations,” “Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline,” the “Candidacy Manual,” and other pertinent documents; and
- Whereas, members of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. 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 relationships onto the rosters of this church for the sake of mission and ministry; therefore, be it
- Resolved, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly encourage the synod bishop, synod council and committees, congregations and ministries 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, and therefore be it further
- Resolved, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly memorialize the 2011 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to encourage the full implementation, as soon as reasonably possible, of the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly with respect to ministry policies.