

The following resolution was adopted by the 2013 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly which met on June 21-22, 2013 at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, 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 2013 Synod Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Synod 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 Mark S. Hanson, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for his leadership and guidance; the Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli, Assistant to the Bishop; the Reverend Philip C. Hirsch, Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop for the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod; Dr. John White, Vice President of the Synod; the Reverend John Bradford, 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;
- With a special 'shout out' to the Reverend Margarthe Kleiber for her quick typing skills and willing heart as the secretary pro tempore; and Mr. Kevin Anderson for his willingness to provide additional secretarial skills.
- the Synod Assembly Planning Committee, under the leadership of the Reverend Douglas Jones:
 - Ms. Amy Acland, the Reverend Kate Davidson, the Reverend Steve Buechler, the Reverend Christine Stephan, the Reverend Sandra Shaw, Ms. Karen Krueger, the Reverend Stephanie Johnson, the Reverend Wendy Moen, Mr. Phillip Mueschle, the Reverend John Bradford
- the Media Coordinators for their volunteer service with communications: Mr. David Carlson, Ms. Rose Beeson, Mr. Philip Meuschke with Communications;
- the Nominating Committee under the leadership of the Reverend Wendy Moen;

the Reverend Jeff Wilson, the Reverend Doug Jones, the Reverend Yvette Schock,
the Reverend Wendy Deeben, the Reverend Sarah Lewis

- the Elections Committee under the leadership of the Reverend Steve Buechler:
the Reverend Susanne Blume, the Reverend Jane Halpern, the Reverend Mitch Watney, Mr. Larry Evan, Ms. Paula Green; Ms. Lynn Kingsley, Mr. Larry Evans, Ms. Loretta Walker; and Interns of this Synod: Gloria Cline-Smythe, Karen Sease, Deb Haynes, Amy Feira
- the Reference and Counsel team under the leadership of the Reverend Christine Stephan:
the Reverend Mark Edwards, the Reverend Margarthe Klieber, the Reverend Sarah Lewis, the Reverend Thomas Prinz, Mr. Phil Soucy
- the Assembly parliamentarian, Mr. Richard Ahlberg;
- the Assembly Worship Planning Team, led by the Reverend Kate Davidson:
 - the Reverend Mark S. Hanson for preaching at the Eucharist and leading worship.
 - the Reverend Richard Graham for celebrating the Eucharist;
 - The Reverend Eric Wester for leading closing worship and the Reverend Mike Wilker for assistance with coordinating worship.
 - All others who served in worship leadership roles including the lectors, ushers, and communion assistants.
 - Mr. Jeremy Shoop for his excellent musical leadership throughout worship and the assembly.
 - the Reverend Eric Wester for his willingness to serve as chaplain for this assembly and his work for the bureau for federal chaplaincy.
- All those who permitted their names to be placed before this assembly for consideration as Bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- For those who permitted their names to be placed before the assembly for consideration for election to the Synod Council,
- For those who are completing their terms of service on the Synod Council:
 - Amanda Wahlig, Bill Johnson, and Shirley Gibbs
- Ecumenical and other invited guests who attended the assembly:
 - the Reverend Ralph Weichmann, the Reverend Doctor Christopher Agnew, Father Tom Andrews, the Reverend Jenee Gilchrist
- A special thank you to Mrs. Iona Hanson for being with us and many blessings to her and Bishop Hanson as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.

- 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.