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News Release

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Worship Service Marks Closing of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kensington, Md.

Washington, D.C. - July 8, 2011: On Sunday, July 31, 2011, Resurrection Lutheran Church will hold a special service concluding their ministry in the Kensington, Md. area. The congregation voted in May to "close as an act of mission" and sell its building to the Oromo Christian Fellowship which has been worshipping at the facility in recent years.

Resurrection Lutheran Church has been in ministry for 60 years. The Oromo Christian Fellowship is an ELCA congregation under development. "Former Resurrection members will be able to watch the Oromo Christian Fellowship grow as they grew sixty years ago," said Amy Acland, staff member of the Metro D.C. Synod office. "The Oromo people will maintain a Lutheran presence serving the communities of Wheaton and Kensington, perhaps for another sixty years."

The closing worship service will be held at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Phil Hirsch, Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop in the Metro D.C. Synod, will preach. The service will be a traditional Lutheran service with many favorite Lutheran hymns and traditional liturgy elements. A dinner will follow.

Information about the "close as act of mission process" is available at
<http://www.metrodcelca.org/for-congregations/close-as-act-of-mission/>.

About the ELCA Metro D.C. Synod

The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod is one of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), made up of 78 congregations and 33,680 baptized members. Synod congregations are located in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia, plus an ELCA congregation in Bermuda. Two congregations are older than the United States of America itself; our youngest joined the ELCA in 2011. In addition to English, members worship in Korean, Norwegian, Oromo (Ethiopian) and Spanish among many languages. We maintain ties with El Salvador, Namibia and Slovakia through the ELCA Companion Synod program.

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