

The following resolution was adopted by the 2016 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly which met on June 18, 2016 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland. "Whereas" clauses are listed as background for Voting Members. The Assembly votes on "Resolved" clauses only.

SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE: The Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli

WHEREAS, The Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli has served the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod for five years as Associate Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Sevimli has more recently served as an Assistant to the Bishop of this synod for eight years in various roles, faithfully carrying out her duties with grace and diligence; going above and beyond expectations on a regular basis; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Sevimli's passion for bringing the good news of Christ to young adults and old and to those of other or no faith has been of immeasurable value to this synod and this church. providing accessible and authentic care for those struggling on their faith journey through life; and,

WHEREAS, exhibiting the same compassion and care for the people of the synod, Reverend Sevimli has skillfully guide candidates and congregations in the call process, helping to ensure proper leadership for the challenges that face the church today; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Sevimli and her family are relocating to Tblisi, Republic of Georgia in August 2016 as her husband begins a new position of employment; therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly expresses its deep, heartfelt appreciation to the Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli for her dedication and devotion to the work of Christ's church as pastor and assistant to the bishop; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly extend its prayers for safe travel and blessings for her and her family in their new home; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly express its approval and acclamation of this resolution by one and all with our applause.