



Resolution Number 2018-004

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Primary Sponsor: Rev. Darcy Tillman - Dean, Fairfax Conference

**Title: Thanks and Farewell**

WHEREAS, The Reverend Mark and Kari Olsen have been active leaders in the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod for many years; and,

WHEREAS Kari Olsen served as Administrative Assistant for Bishop Theodore Schneider and Bishop Richard Graham as the Synod Assembly Coordinator; and,

WHEREAS The Reverend Mark Olsen was ordained at Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence in Burke VA and served on the roster of this synod as:

- Senior Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church in Alexandria;
- Director of Admissions, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg;
- Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Haymarket; and
- currently as Associate Director for the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

He has served the synod in various ways such as Chair of the New and Renewing Missions Table; and,

WHEREAS Kari has accepted a position at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence in New Haven, Connecticut, and they will be relocating to the NY/CT area; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly expresses its thanks to The Reverend Mark and Kari Olsen for their service to Christ's church and for the blessing they have been to us, and now sends them out with gratitude and confidence that they will continue to be a blessing to others.