1 METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C. SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2 3 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Gaithersburg, Maryland 4 June 18, 2016 5 6 7 Reference & Counsel Number: 2016 - 08 Secretary's Number: 8 Title: **Special Expression of Thanks and Gratitude** 9 Submitted: Reference and Counsel Committee, Metropolitan Washington, D. C. Synod 10 Received: June 15, 2016 The Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli has served the Metropolitan Washington, 11 WHEREAS, 12 D.C. Synod for five years as Associate Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church 13 in Arlington, Virginia; and, 14 WHEREAS. Reverend Sevimli has more recently served as an Assistant to the Bishop of this 15 synod for eight years in various roles, faithfully carrying out her duties with grace 16 and diligence; going above and beyond expectations on a regular basis; and, 17 WHEREAS, Reverend Sevimli's passion for bringing the good news of Christ to young adults 18 and old and to those of other or no faith has been of immeasurable value to this 19 synod and this church, providing accessible and authentic care for those 20 struggling on their faith journey through life; and, 21 WHEREAS. exhibiting the same compassion and care for the people of the synod, Reverend 22 Sevimli has skillfully guide candidates and congregations in the call process, 23 helping to ensure proper leadership for the challenges that face the church today; 24 and, 25 Reverend Sevimli and her family are relocating to Tblisi, Republic of Georgia in WHEREAS, August 2016 as her husband begins a new position of employment; therefore, be 26 27 it: 28 **RESOLVED**, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly expresses its deep, 29 heartfelt appreciation to the Reverend Amy Thompson Sevimli for her dedication 30 and devotion to the work of Christ's church as pastor and assistant to the bishop; 31 and further be it 32 **RESOLVED**, that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly extend its prayers for 33 safe travel and blessings for her and her family in their new home; and, be it 34 further 35 **RESOLVED,** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly express its approval 36 and acclamation of this resolution by one and all with our applause

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