

*The following resolution was adopted by the 2018 Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly which met on June 16, 2018 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Fairfax (Virg.) Campus. "Whereas" clauses are listed as background for Voting Members. The Assembly votes on "Resolved" clauses only.*

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### **CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES**

- WHEREAS, there are many congregations in the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod that have among their members and others they serve, families that include children; and,
- WHEREAS, the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of these children is a primary care and concern for all who work with them; and,
- WHEREAS, the church should be a place of safety and security for all people, especially those who are the most vulnerable among us, including our children; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod in Assembly asks each congregation of the synod to adopt a Child Protection Policy (resources available on ELCA website\*) before the 2019 Synod Assembly and complete all screening and training of appropriate persons.

\* <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Office-of-the-Secretary#Risk> and <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Legal#Sexual>