# METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON D.C. SYNOD OF THE ELCA

# ELECTRONIC SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 11-19, 2018

The Synod Council conducted a meeting through electronic communications in order to approve a specific matter relating to one of its congregations prior to the next regular meeting of the Council. Secretary Kevin Anderson presented the motion in a message to all Synod Council members sent on Thursday, October 11, 2018, on or about 11:31 PM EDT. The voting was held open until 8:00 PM EDT on Friday, October 19, 2018.

The motion was made by Treasurer Julie Hamre and seconded by Bishop Graham.

**Moved:**

**Seconded: WHEREAS**, Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is in need of temporary operating support pending resolution of issues relating to the sale or lease of its real property; and

**WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod wishes to maintain an ELCA congregation in Bethesda;

**RESOLVED,** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod agrees to loan $40,000 from the Bethany Fund to CELC under the following conditions and understandings:

* There shall be no interest charged on this loan and no specific repayment date established at this time, although the Synod reserves the right to call for repayment at any time following consultation with CELC.
* This loan is to be repaid as part of the congregationally-adopted plan for retirement of all outstanding debt currently owed by the congregation.
* Once the congregation officially resolves their debt situation (either by a new contract with cash payment from a developer or by voting to sell the land), they may apply for an additional loan from the Synod to support operations pending receipt of the cash payment or consummation of the sale. No request for additional support shall be considered by the Synod without a final determination of the property question.

**VOTED**

**SC18.10.29 To adopt the foregoing motion.**

The electronic meeting was closed at 8:00 PM on Friday, October 19, 2018, pursuant to the rules established when the motion was distributed. There were 21 members who voted in favor of the motion. One member did not vote. The motion received the affirmative votes of a majority of the members of the Synod Council.