# SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THE 2012 METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The 456 voting members meeting May 17-19, 2012 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York, approved resolutions, elected leaders, amended governing documents and adopted budgets.

### **General Resolutions Adopted**

## SA2012.05.02 A Resolution to Support the ELCA's Malaria Campaign

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves as individuals and congregations in the Metropolitan New York Synod to continue as partners in the healing ministry of Jesus by preventing and treating malaria through prayer, advocacy, education, and fundraising; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod are each challenged to raise a minimum of \$3 per baptized member towards a synodical goal of \$207,375 by the end of fiscal year 2014 for the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

### SA2012.05.03

## A Resolution Regarding the Lift Project

RESOLVED, the Metropolitan New York Synod in assembly calls upon each congregation to begin, develop, review or redefine its unique mission plan, including incorporation of ministry with and to diverse populations; and

RESOLVED, the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly encourages ongoing review and redefinition of congregation mission plans; and

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly directs the synod staff and the Synod Council to create, develop and provide opportunities and resources that congregations may use to develop, review or redefine their mission plans, including provision of individual consultation and assistance to congregations as requested.

#### SA2012.05.04

### A Resolution on Congregational Viability Norms

RESOLVED, that when a significant number of the norms cited below is lacking, there is good reason to conclude that a congregation has lost the capability for effective self-governance and therefore its mission has concluded and its ministry is complete; and be it

RESOLVED, that our Synod Council see that each congregation be able to demonstrate the ability to fulfill its purpose as stated in Article C4.03 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, namely to:

- 1. Gather weekly for worship
- 2. Call a pastor

- 3. Hold an annual meeting of the congregation
- 4. Elect congregation council and officers as required by congregational constitution and New York State law: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary
- 5. Provide audited financial statements
- 6. Share in the fellowship of our Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, provide Synod mission support, attend Synod Assembly
- 7. Submit an annual parochial report to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- 8. Maintain the upkeep and safety of buildings and property
- 9. Secure adequate insurance for property and persons
- 10. Keep current with financial obligations.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon these norms our Synod Council establish a process by the 2012 Synod Assembly to regularly review the viability of congregations of our Metropolitan New York Synod and prayerfully discern appropriate action with attendant pastoral care.

#### SA2012.05.05 A Resolution to Adopt 2013-2023 Strategic Plan

RESOLVED, that the 2012-2023 Strategic Plan for the Metropolitan New York Synod be adopted.

## SA2012.05.08 A Resolution to Create One Metropolitan New York Synod Nominations and Elections Committee

RESOLVED, that this Assembly of the Metropolitan New York Synod create one Constitutional Committee, to be called the Nominations and Elections Committee, whose responsibilities shall encompass the duties and responsibilities as listed in the Constitution of the Metropolitan New York Synod and currently relating to the Committee on the Conduct of Elections and the Nominating Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the newly created Nominations and Elections Committee be appointed by the Bishop and approved by the Synod Council.

## SA2012.05.09 A Resolution to Adopt Process for Election of Synodical Bishop

RESOLVED, that the modified process for electing our synodical bishop, including the timeline contained therein for the 2014 electing assembly, be adopted.

### **Budget Resolutions Adopted**

SA2012.05.01	Ratified an Adjusted Budget of \$3,106,162 for F.Y. 2012
SA2012.05.11	Adopted a Budget of \$2,849,277 for F.Y 2013

# **Elections Completed**

# SA2012.05.06 First Ballot

Treasurer	Mr. Frank Suttell
Synod Council	Pr. William Baum Pr. Rosalind Brathwaite Pr. Khader El-Yateem Ms. Terra Rowe Ms. Miryan Fernandez Ms. Karen Wooley Dcn. John Prosen Mr. Christopher Vergara Mr. Brian Reardon Pr. Brenda Jack Ms. Barbara Johnson Ms. Abby Triebel Ms. Savanah Lochansingh
Consultation Committee	Pr. Paul Block Pr. Paul Nordeen Pr. Annemarie Noto Pr. Diane Wildow
Discipline Committee	Pr. Al Ahlstrom Mr. Tom Tresselt
Churchwide Assembly	Pr. Kathleen Koran Pr. Perucy Butiku Ms. Elizabeth Hoffmann Dcn. Anita Williams Ms. Marie Plaisir Dcn. Meg Fielding Dcn. John Prosen Dcn. Paul Lumpkin Mr. John Heidgerd Dcn. John Malone Mr. Marc Stutzel

## SA2012.05.07 Second Ballot

Discipline Committee

Ms. Christine Connell

Churchwide Assembly

Pr. William Baum Pr. Craig Miller

# SA2012.05.10 Third Ballot

Discipline Committee Pr. Ann Tiemeyer

Churchwide Assembly Pr. Brenda Jack

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