

**A RESOLUTION OF THANKS AT THE 2015 ASSEMBLY OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD OF THE ELCA**

Resolved, that the voting members of the 2015 Assembly of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offer thanks and prayerful support to our Bishop, our officers, our synod staff, and our deans for their faithfulness in working for and with us, and for their loving support of us in our life together; and,

Be it further resolved that we offer thanks, and prayers for traveling mercies, to Bishop Grabow and the delegation from our Bavarian partner church; Professor Mark Allan Powell, Pastor Ronald Glusenkamp, Pastor Sunitha Mortha, Pastor Moses Penumaka, the Global musicians, and those representing Novus Way; as their presence among us and their witness to us is a reminder that the church - the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the vine and the branches, the temple of the Holy Spirit, a house built of living stone – is larger, more beautiful and has a brighter future than any of us can ever imagine; and,

Be it further resolved, that we offer thanks to all those who offered their service to the church through the election process, to those who were elected, and to those who continue to serve, and,

Be it further resolved that we offer thanks to the Nashville Kiswahili Worshipping Community for the handmade Assembly bags and to our congregations for sending 200 bags of non-perishable food to share with our partner in ministry, Greater Birmingham Ministries of Alabama, and,

Be it further resolved that we offer thanks to the those who took care of us throughout this Assembly: the Synod Assembly Committee, the various other committees, our Synod Parliamentarian, Pastor Warren Casiday, our Synod Assembly chaplain, Sister Sylvia Countess, the Synod Assembly worship team and their volunteers and musicians, the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and Thrivent Financial for their financial support of this gathering and their ongoing partnership with us in the gospel; and the hotel and convention center staff and technical crew.