

## WAS OFFERED IN THE PLACE OF RESOLUTIONS 3-8

1 "A MEMORIAL CONCERNING HUMAN SEXUALITY  
2 FROM THE EASTERN WASHINGTON/IDAHO SYNOD TO THE 2009  
3 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY"  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force for ELCA Studies in Sexuality has earnestly studied and struggled  
6 with these matters for eight years, and their work models and invites mutually respectful  
7 dialogue about sexuality throughout this church; and  
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9 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Social Statement powerfully proclaims this church's teachings on  
10 trust, love, and service to the neighbor as the proper foundation of sexuality, while honestly  
11 recognizing that there is no consensus regarding same-gender relationships or the rostered  
12 ministry of people in them; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the ELCA Church Council, at its March 2009 meeting, voted by an overwhelming  
15 margin to recommend to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly the proposed Social Statement on  
16 Human Sexuality, its implementing resolutions, and a Recommendation on Ministry Policies;  
17 and  
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19 **WHEREAS**, the Recommendation on Ministry Policies allows a way to maintain a uniform  
20 standard and process for candidacy and call throughout this church while respecting the bound  
21 consciences of all; and  
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23 **WHEREAS**, the time has come for both those in this church who support publicly accountable,  
24 lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships and those who oppose them to join together in  
25 creating a means to continue living together faithfully in the midst of disagreement; now,  
26 therefore, be it resolved  
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28 **RESOLVED**, that the Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the  
29 2009 Churchwide Assembly as follows:  
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- 31 1. To adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing  
32 resolutions, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.  
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- 34 2. To adopt the four parts of the proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies, as  
35 recommended by the ELCA Church Council.

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**Resolution Passed (SA.09.05.10)**

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