

Resolution #3 - 2010 Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Assembly

"MEMORIAL TO RESCIND ACTIONS ON ELCA MINISTRY POLICIES"

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
2 America adopted resolutions on ministry policies that included a commitment to "finding
3 ways for people in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to
4 serve as rostered leaders of this church" [CA09.05.26] and also included a process of
5 "structured flexibility" that would eliminate the prohibition on rostered service by individuals
6 in such relationships while not imposing such service on any expression of this church
7 [CA09.05.27]; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, in compliance with and in order to implement the actions of the 2009
10 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA Church Council has amended the policy on reinstatement
11 to the roster and has considered amendments to "Visions and Expectations," "Definition and
12 Guidelines for Discipline," the "Candidacy Manual," and other documents; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, members of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
15 Church in America seek the rescission of the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly on
16 ministry policies and of the actions adopted by the Church Council to implement them and
17 desire the restoration of ministry policies that authorize sexual intimacy for rostered persons
18 only in the context of heterosexual marriage; therefore, be it
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20 **RESOLVED** that the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod Assembly memorialize the 2011
21 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as follows:

- 22 (1) to rescind actions CA09.05.26 and CA09.05.27 of the 2009 Churchwide
23 Assembly; and
24 (2) to direct the appropriate churchwide units and offices to prepare, the Committee
25 on Appeals to make, and the ELCA Church Council to approve and adopt,
26 appropriate amendments to the policy documents, which were revised in
27 response to those prior actions, in order to re-establish the prohibition of rostered
28 service by non-celibate homosexual persons and to restore the requirement for
29 rostered persons that sexual intimacy take place only in the context of
30 heterosexual marriage.

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