

**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 [amend] 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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