

Resolution to the
Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly
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from the Minnesota Valley Conference

South Africa Partnerships

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Whereas the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, has established an ongoing partnership with the Southeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA), and...

Whereas each Conference in the Synod has been assigned the task of developing a meaningful partnership with one of the Circuits of the Southeastern Diocese of ELCSA, and ...

Whereas recent visits by representatives from the Diocese to Southwestern Minnesota and visits by both lay and clergy to the Diocese in South Africa have made manifest the power and potential of this partnership with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ in South Africa, and...

Whereas we have learned from our South Africa journeys that the expectations for meaningful interchange and tangible results from our partnership are high among our South Africa neighbors, and...

Whereas all of our Conferences and congregations have much to learn from the vibrant faith and dedication of our South Africa brothers and sisters, and...

Whereas all the congregations in our Synod, adding strength in numbers, have much to contribute in talent and resources to help meet important needs of our South African neighbors,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That each Conference in the Southwestern Minnesota Synod establish an official South Africa Partnership Committee;

That each congregation in every Conference be strongly encouraged to elect or appoint at least one representative to serve on the Conference South Africa Partnership Committee;

That the representative(s) attend regularly meetings of the Partnership Committee and report regularly to their home congregation;

And that each congregation find meaningful ways to be actively engaged in the support of this long-term partnership for mutual benefit.

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