

Resolution 10.01

Regarding Rescinding Actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly on Ministry Policies

WHEREAS, the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted resolutions (CA09.05.23, CA09.05.24, CA09.05.26, CA09.05.27) to implement the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, that: 1. would permit congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships, 2. would eliminate the prohibition of rostered service by members who are in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships, and 3. directed appropriate churchwide units to approve appropriate amendments to ELCA documents and policies to implement those resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA, because of its commitment to respect the bound consciences of all, recognizes disagreement on these resolutions; and

WHEREAS, many consciences view the 2009 Churchwide Assembly actions on ministry policies as contrary to the teaching of scripture and common Christian teachings of the last 2000 years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Southwestern Minnesota Synod at its 2010 Assembly hereby memorializes the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to rescind its 2009 resolutions (CA09.05.23, CA09.05.24, CA09.05.26, CA09.05.27) that authorized changes to ministry policies and return to the candidacy and ordination policies in effect on August 1, 2009.

Submitted by Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, adopted by the Crow River Conference