

Synod Council Resolution for the May 10-12, 2019 Synod Assembly

Invitation for Outreach

Whereas: We in the Oregon Synod are blessed with a growing diversity of cultures, people and communities in our state; and

Whereas: We rejoice in our call and opportunity to reach out to all people with the Good News of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas: We believe that in our giving both the giver and the recipient are blessed; and

Whereas: We as a synod offer financial support from Oregon Synod reserves for a variety of new and ongoing ministries to ethnic communities, people in poverty and those who have been ignored or marginalized in our society; and

Whereas: We have more opportunity for meaningful ministry than our resources allow us to pursue;

Be it Resolved that: Congregations of the Oregon Synod be invited to become a direct part of the synod support team for one of these ministries through the reception of a special offering; and

Be it further Resolved that: Congregations of the Oregon Synod be invited to choose from one or more of the following four ministries for support as they feel led: Mid-Willamette Latino Ministry, The Flame (LGBTQIA+ Outreach,) Living Waters (ministry in Burns with people on the Paiute Reservation) or Story Dwelling (Lutheran/Methodist new church start in Bend); and

Be it further Resolved that: Congregations of the Oregon Synod seek ways to build deeper relationships with their ministries of choice and consider making a special offering or budgeted financial support for an ongoing annual commitment.

Adopted by the Oregon Synod Council of the ELCA at their February 22-23, 2019 meeting for consideration at the May 10-12, 2019 Oregon Synod Assembly.