

Women and Justice Statement Memorial for the May 10-12, 2019 Synod Assembly

Resolution #3 - Concerning the Creation of a Training Protocol for Fostering Cultural Understanding of the Latino Community

Whereas, the Oregon Synod has embarked on a Latino Ministry Strategy seeking opportunities to engage the Latino population of Oregon that we might minister as church together; and

Whereas, the Latino population of Oregon has increased 72% since 2000, and

Whereas, it is likely the majority of the people of the Oregon Synod have little understanding of Latino culture, and

Whereas, it is critical to have a basic understanding of Latino culture in order to create a safe space to build relationships with the Latino community; therefore,

Be it Resolved that, the Oregon Synod establish a training protocol for fostering cultural understanding of the Latino community; and

Be it further Resolved that, that said protocol would be made available to all ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service serving in the Oregon Synod and also shared with the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church, our partners in Latino ministry; and

Be it further Resolved that, that the focus of this protocol is to be 1) empowering participants to invite Latino persons to collaborative work; 2) learning to communicate effectively with the Latino community; and 3) to foster the creation of new relationships with the Latino community; and

Be it further Resolved that, in the creation of said protocol, input from Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service be sought out; and

Be it further Resolved that, that said protocol be ready and a plan for action be presented to the 2020 Synod Assembly.

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