



February 25, 2024

2024 Synod Assembly
Oregon Synod, ELCA
2800 N. Vancouver Ave. Su.101
Portland, OR 97227

To Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar and the Synod Council,

Re: Christ the King Lutheran Church in Milton-Freewater requests to be released from the Oregon Synod to align with the Northwest Intermountain Synod. A resolution for the 2024 assembly.

Whereas, the Northwest Intermountain Synod (NWIM), ELCA office in Spokane, WA is 2 hours closer;
and

Whereas, at times, NWIM events and/or learning opportunities are located in Walla Walla or the Tri-Cities area in Washington, both within an hour drive; and

Whereas, Christ the King would like to move forward with Synod ties with the congregations in Walla Walla, WA (15 minute drive) and nearby rural communities; and

Whereas, after research and conversations with the Bishop of the Oregon Synod, NWIM synod clergy and a representative in the NWIM Synod we believe our identity and ministry as a rural Lutheran congregation would be healthier within a more rural ministry Synod like the NWIM. The February 11th vote by the congregation was unanimous to pursue changing synods.

Whereas, pending acceptance by the Northwest Intermountain Synod, ELCA at their 2025 assembly and receipt by the ELCA Churchwide assembly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Christ the King Lutheran Church in Milton-Freewater be released from the Oregon Synod, upon the acceptance of membership in the Northwest Intermountain Synod, ELCA, as will be proposed at their 2025 assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Church Council and members of Christ the King Lutheran Church