

Annual Synod Theological Conference

1 WHEREAS there has been a strong tradition in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
2 America (ELCA) and its predecessor bodies of regular theological gatherings for rostered
3 leaders of the church for theological reflection and study essential to maintaining a strong
4 theological understanding and skill to carry out the preaching and teaching of the Word in
5 congregations, and

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7 WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the synod to encourage faithful preaching and
8 teaching of the Gospel, effective pastoral practice, and ongoing theological renewal
9 among the rostered leaders of the synod, and

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11 WHEREAS a synod theological conference provides a special opportunity for rostered
12 leaders of the synod to come together for mutual support and challenge in carrying out
13 these central tasks of their ministry, and

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15 WHEREAS the Minneapolis Area Synod has maintained the tradition of an annual
16 theological conference for its rostered leaders, and

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18 WHEREAS a sense of community and collegiality among the rostered leaders of the
19 Minneapolis Area Synod is essential for the mission of the church that we all hold in
20 common, therefore be it finally

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22 RESOLVED that the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly adopt the following guidelines
23 regarding the annual theological conference:

- 24 1. Attendance at this annual theological conference is expected of all rostered
25 leaders, and
- 26 2. the time for this annual theological conference shall not be considered
27 continuing education by congregations of this synod, and
- 28 3. the cost of this annual theological conference be paid by congregations from a
29 source other than the rostered leader's continuing education budget.

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The Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption of this resolution.