

**Memorial Increasing Funding for Inner City Congregations**

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Area Synod is committed to addressing the needs of the poor; and

WHEREAS, churches with low income members often find it difficult to raise the necessary funds through offerings; and

WHEREAS, Lutherans in the Minneapolis area have a strong desire to contribute to communities where poverty is high; and

WHEREAS, the majority of poverty in Minneapolis is concentrated in specific inner city areas; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to commit an additional \$300,000 in the 2010 ELCA budget, from funds obtained from congregational mission support through the synods, for congregational development in inner city neighborhoods as identified by the 2000 census, to be allocated by the ELCA Council.

Author: Rev. Dale Hulme, St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
Adopted by: North Minneapolis Conference in Assembly on March 23, 2009  
Contact person: Rev. Dale Hulme, O: 612-529-7725