

## **A RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE AT THE 2025 ASSEMBLY OF THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD OF THE ELCA**

**The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommends the following resolution:**

**Whereas** the Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod convened on June 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, at Camp Mount Luther, Mifflinburg, under the theme “Living into the Good News” and many have offered their time, God given gifts, and hard work to plan and run the Assembly and support the work of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Therefore, be it:

**Resolved**, that we the members of the 2025 Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offer thanks and prayerful support to our Bishop, our officers, our synod staff, and our deans for their faithfulness in working for and with us, and for their loving support of us in our life together; and be it further

**Resolved**, that we offer thanks and prayers for everyone who guided the Assembly participants to “live into the good news”. We especially express appreciation for the ELCA Representative Rev. Norma Malfatti, for the Bible Study by Rev. Norma Malfatti, for Chaplain Beth George, and for workshop leaders: Pastor Stina Schaeffer, Jonathan Moser, Rev. John Kratz, Chad Hershberger, Pastor Jim Vitale, Gabe Schaeffer, Rev. Norma Malfatti, Sue Ellen Spotts, Pastor Katie Moran, Pastor Justin Lingenfelter, Pastor Gary Schaeffer, and Sister Marianne Brock; and be it further

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to the representatives of the many other synod and churchwide ministries represented at the assembly, including Campus ministries, Diakon, Seafarers, Global Refuge, and Camp Mt. Luther; and be it further

**Resolved**, that we give thanks to all those who offered their service to this synod through the election process, to those who were elected, and to those who continue to serve; and be it further

**Resolved**, that we offer thanks to those who made this assembly possible in various ways: the Synod Assembly committee; our parliamentarian, registrar Amber Ellis, Director Chad Hershberger and the communications team, Administrative Assistant, Ms. Brenda Krouse, the worship team, volunteers, musicians, technical crew, and Camp Mt. Luther; and be it further

**Resolved**, that above all, we give thanks to God for feeding us with the presence of Jesus Christ and strengthening us with the Holy Spirit so that we may live into the good news, following Jesus’ example to serve all people.