

# Support for Solar Power at the Phebe Hospital in Liberia (PV photovoltaic power for Phebe)

WHEREAS, the Phebe Hospital is a large regional health institution in Liberia, serving over 70,000 people annually in a service area of 450,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Phebe Hospital struggles to stay afloat financially, especially due to the cost of electricity, currently generated by three diesel generators at a cost of more than \$35,000 per month; and

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization (NESWO) has resolved to partner with Rural Renewable Energy (RREAL) to develop a proposal for providing solar power to the Phebe Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the Ninth Triennial Convention of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America affirmed the extraordinary efforts of the NESWO by pledging to raise \$200,000 for Phebe Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the project is estimated to be approximately \$2.5 million (coming, in part, from developing governmental and corporate grants); and

WHEREAS, Northern Minnesota Synod has endorsed the Phebe Hospital solar energy project and encouraged the intentional efforts of each congregation throughout its synod to raise awareness and funding for this project in the month of August; and

WHEREAS, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly has directed the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Council to forward this resolution to the other synod councils in Minnesota for consideration and possible action and the Church Council's Executive Committee for proper referral and disposition in accordance with its bylaws, therefore

Be it RESOLVED that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly answer the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly's call and stand with its brothers and sisters in faith to support the Phebe Hospital solar energy project and encourage the intentional efforts of each congregation throughout its synod to raise awareness and funding for this project in the month of August, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly direct the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council to unite with the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Council in forwarding this resolution to the Church Council's Executive Committee for proper referral and disposition in accordance with its bylaws.