

Resolutions Considered at Assembly 2017

1. A resolution regarding Synodically Authorized Ministers:

RESOLVED, that synodical leadership address the plight of congregations affected by these factors by either reinstating the SALM program or developing some other means by which carefully selected candidates can be fast-tracked to be able to serve as the spiritual leaders of chosen congregations when appropriate.

ASSEMBLY ACTION: That the assembly receive the resolution with gratitude for the writer's concern for the needs of smaller congregations and refer it to members of the bishop's staff who are already in the process of creating a "Pastoral Care Provider" program to support such congregations.

2. A resolution regarding Global Climate Change:

RESOLVED, that the members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, through appropriate agencies, call upon the governor and legislature of Pennsylvania to continue pursuing commitments to targeted reductions in carbon emissions; and that the people of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, through appropriate agencies, call upon the president of the United States to maintain dialogue with the global community to address climate changes.

ASSEMBLY ACTION: The resolution was adopted and voting members of the assembly were encouraged to contact their legislators to convey support for the concerns expressed in the resolution.