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Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
June 4-6, 2020
Kalahari Resorts and Conventions
Pocono Manor, PA

Resolution Submittal Form

Please use this form to submit resolutions to be considered by the 2020 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly. **The Committee of Reference and Counsel will review resolutions submitted to it before the assembly and requests that resolutions be submitted as soon as possible, so that voting members can consider them before the assembly.** Please note: a resolution adopted by the 2005 Synod Assembly requires that resolutions submitted less than 2 weeks before the assembly (by Thursday, May 21, 2020) will be considered only if the assembly votes to receive them.

Please read the guidelines on the reverse side of this page. Return the form to the synod office (address information below)

Please type or write legibly. You may submit only one resolution on each form. Copy form for additional resolutions.

Sign the form where indicated; include the name and location of your congregation. If you are a lay member of a congregation, include the signature of the pastor or president of the congregation (this signature is requested to certify that you are a participating member of an ELCA congregation in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod).

A resolution concerning _____

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Congregation and location _____

Signature of pastor or congregation council president _____

Date of submission _____

Return to: Committee of Reference and Counsel, 2020 Synod Assembly, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, 2354 Grove Rd., Allentown PA 18109-3044, email info@nepsynod.org or FAX to 610-266-5106.

Resolution Worksheet

Observations

1. A resolution should be stated clearly and concisely.
2. The *WHEREAS* section should state the reason for the resolution. Each reason should be given as a separate *WHEREAS*.
3. **You do not need a WHEREAS section. In fact, *Roberts Rules* recommends that they not be used. In no case should a WHEREAS section be argumentative.**
4. The *RESOLVED* section should state clearly the action desired, who is to implement the action, and who is to bear the cost. Each action should be described with a separate *RESOLVED*.
5. Resolutions should be tested against questions such as:
 - Is the information complete and accurate?
 - Is this a matter that pertains to the life and ministry of the synod?
 - Is this a matter of significance requiring consideration by the synod assembly?
 - Is the action requested one which the synod can implement appropriately and effectively?

Format

1. If a resolution requires one action, use the following format:
RESOLVED, that _____
2. If a resolution requires more than one action, the following format is used:
RESOLVED, that _____; and be it further
RESOLVED, that _____
3. If a resolution is preceded by one reason for submitting the resolution, the following format is used:
WHEREAS, _____; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that _____
4. If a resolution is preceded by two or more reasons, the following format is used:
WHEREAS, _____; and
WHEREAS, _____; therefore be it
RESOLVED, that _____

To submit a resolution, use the form on the reverse side of this page. Only one resolution may be submitted on a form. Attach extra pages as necessary. You may copy this form.

Note: forms should be submitted as soon as possible. All resolutions need to be received (not postmarked) on or before Thursday, May 21, 2020.