

## RESULTS OF SURVEY: A REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS

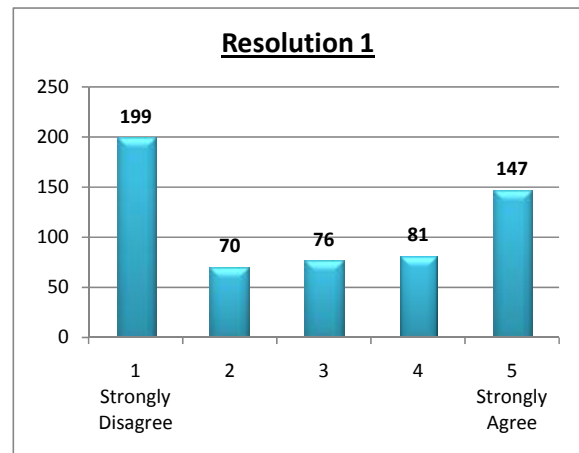
A Day of Holy Conversation

February 6, 2010

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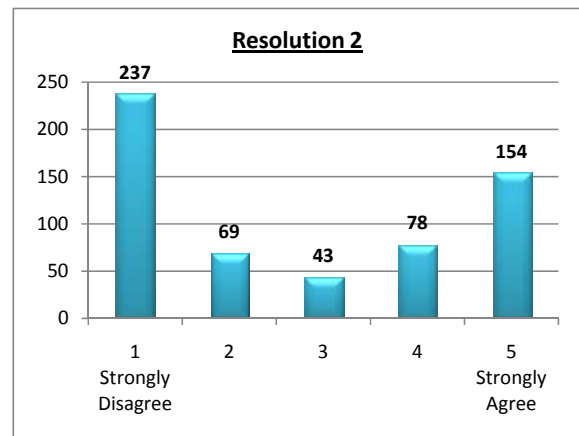
### **Resolution 1**

A resolution (for having a) "Bound Conscience" of the (whole) South Carolina (SC) Synod with respect to changes in ministry policies in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); directing the Candidacy Committee and the Office of the Bishop to continue to be guided by the 1990 document *Vision & Expectations* in its candidacy process and in its standards for pastors and rostered leaders.



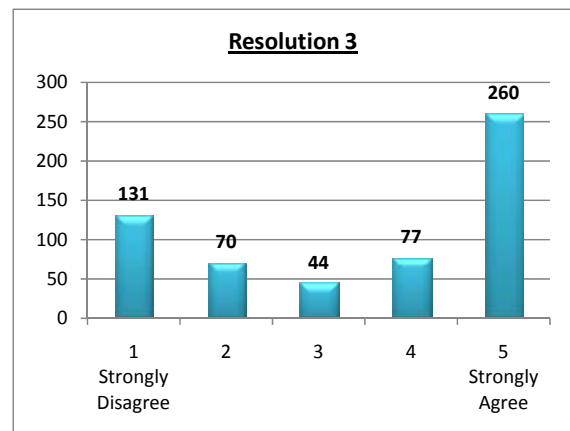
### **Resolution 2**

A resolution affirming the decisions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly as a way the baptized people of God can move forward in ministry while respecting differences in biblical interpretation.



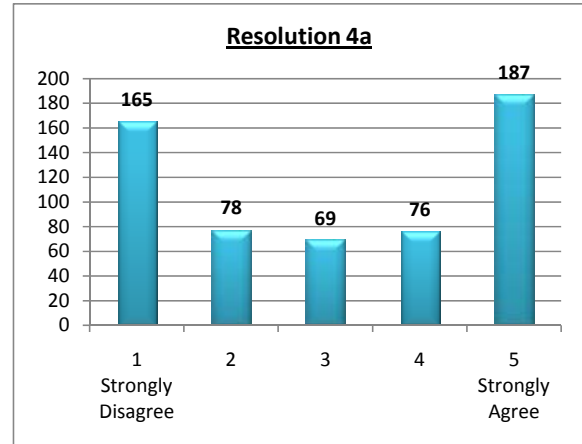
### **Resolution 3**

A resolution that the SC Synod in its teaching and community of faith be limited to the norm of Holy Scripture; affirm marriage as a covenant of mutual promises, commitment and hope, blessed by God; and that intimate sexual relations belongs exclusively within the biblical boundaries of a faithful marriage between one man and one woman.



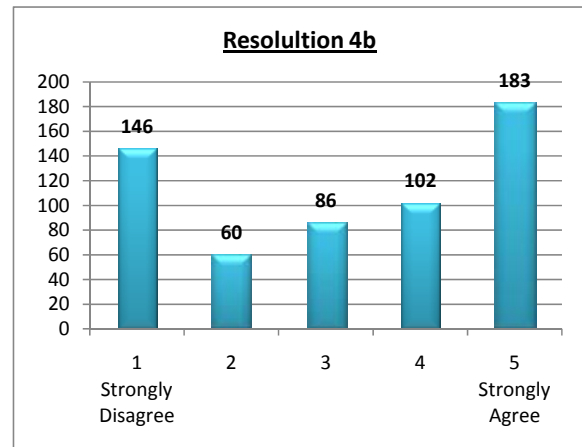
### **Resolution 4a**

A resolution that the SC Synod acknowledge that our synod has been and continues to be gifted and enriched by the ministries of Gay and Lesbian persons; encourage those congregations and individuals, who wish to do so, to find ways to celebrate the decisions that allowed the doors to be opened; and intentionally seek ways to live out the unity of the Church, in the midst of disagreements, regarding the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly on the subject of human sexuality.



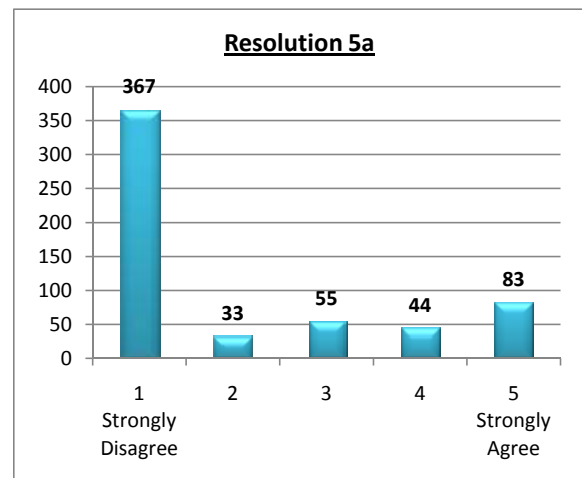
### **Resolution 4b**

A resolution that we recommit ourselves as a whole Synod to the radical inclusiveness of the gospel of Jesus Christ; that while couched in disagreement on some issues we continue to work together for the Kingdom of God by demonstrating through efforts of sincere welcoming, the inclusive character of Christ's Church; and we commit ourselves as churches of the SC Synod to welcome all into our midst, including those who would identify themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual or Transgendered.



### **Resolution 5a**

A resolution that the SC Synod sever its relationship with the ELCA by action of the 2009 SC Synod Assembly; continue to support its institutions and agencies in cooperation with its sister synods including those churches in Japan, Tanzania, and Colombia; and continue to serve, welcome and accept all people with Word and Sacrament; and present changes to the *Constitution, Bylaw, and Continuing Resolutions of the SC Synod* that will elide all references to the ELCA, the Church Council, the Conference of Bishops, "this church" and "churchwide"....



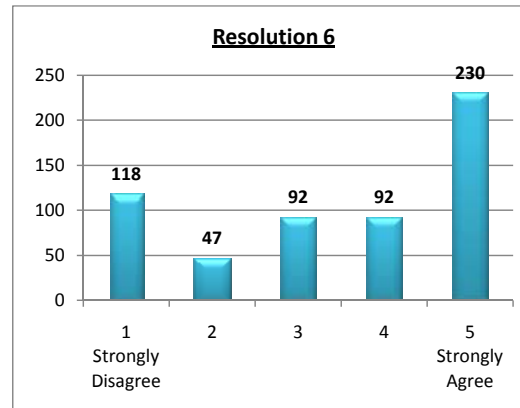
### **Resolution 5b**

A resolution to reject the decisions of the 2009 *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; and as an act of conscience and in support of Holy Scripture and the concept of *Sola Scriptura*... cease all financial support of the ELCA; and establish alternate methods for financially supporting God's work through worthy beneficiaries - either currently supported or otherwise, without benefit to the ELCA and implement this revised method of disbursing financial gifts.



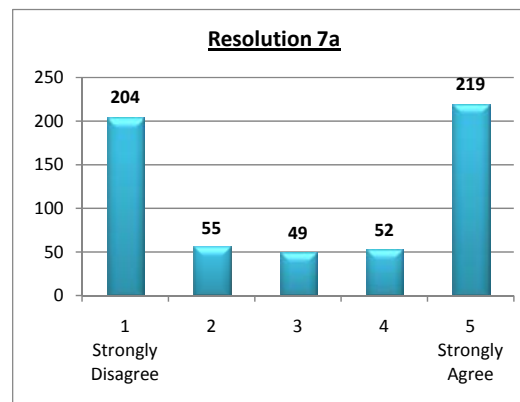
### **Resolution 6**

A resolution encouraging faithful Christians who disagree on same-gender relationships to continue walking together as the SC Synod.



### **Resolution 7a**

A resolution to repudiate the decisions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly in adopting the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* and the four resolutions on ministry policies as violations of the Confession of Faith, Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution; and memorialize the ELCA Church Council to repudiate these actions as violations of the Confession of Faith, Chapter 2 of the ELCA Constitution, refuse to implement these actions and begin the process to overturn these decisions at the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.



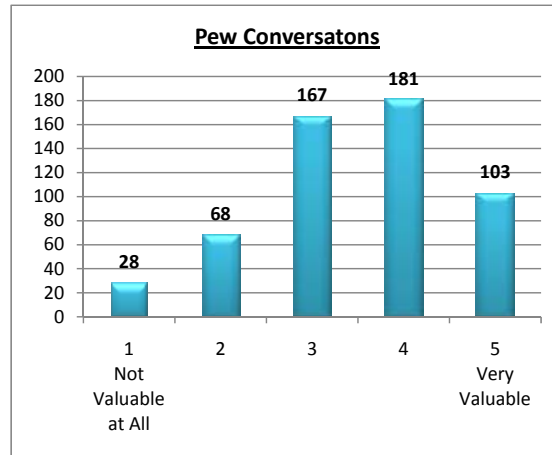
### **Resolution 7b**

A resolution that homosexuals in a homosexual relationship should not serve as rostered leaders of the church; that the ELCA should commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor and respect everyone and be bound to the truth of scripture over conscience; and that the SC Synod in assembly direct the SC Synod Council to forward this resolution to the Church Council.

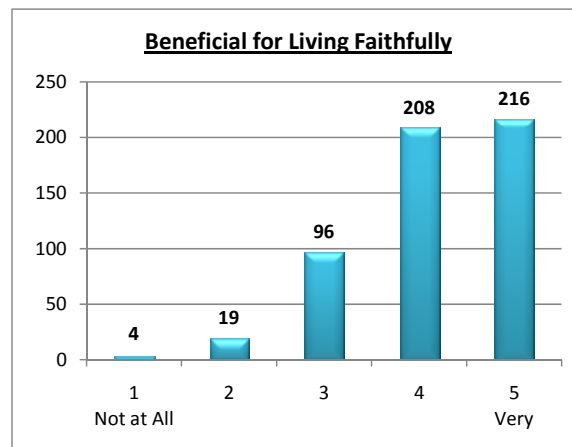


## ASSESSMENT OF THE DAY

On a scale from 1-5, how valuable were the “Pew Conversations”?



On a scale from 1-5, how beneficial has today been for living faithfully in God’s Mission in the SC Synod?



On a scale from 1-5, how hopeful are you that we will find a ways to be faithful together even with our differences?

