

Resolution 4A

Resolution for Synod Gathering, February 6, 2010

Whereas, the Lutheran expression of the Christian Faith has grown and developed over the last five centuries, giving the ELCA a rich theological and cultural heritage and

Whereas, as Lutherans, we embrace and celebrate diversity of age, race, ethnicity and gender, and

Whereas, Scripture affirms diversity as expressed in 1st Corinthians, 12: 4 – 7, “Now, there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” and

Whereas, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly decisions on human sexuality have opened doors to ministry for Gay and Lesbian persons that were previously closed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the South Carolina Synod acknowledge, that our synod has been and continues to be gifted and enriched by the ministries of Gay and Lesbian persons, and be it

Resolved, that the South Carolina Synod encourage those congregations and individuals, who wish to do so, to find ways to celebrate the decisions that allowed doors to be opened, and finally be it

Resolved, that the South Carolina Synod 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.

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