

## Resolution 5A

WHEREAS the Seventh Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America convened in Minneapolis, MN on August and voted to adopt the Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies from the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality (Gift and Trust) in contradiction to the action by the South Carolina Synod at its 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly , May 28-30, 2009 (See Minutes p. 85) and in violation of the ELCA Constitution Chapter 2 CONFESSION OF FAITH 2.02c : “ The canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God “ and, 2.03: “This church accepts the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of its proclamation, faith and life.”, and

WHEREAS this action caused disunity in our congregations, resulting in the loss of members and conflict in our synod resulting in the loss of congregations, and

WHEREAS this action rejected the authority of scripture and replaced it with the tenets of secular humanism, and

WHEREAS the Will of God inspired by the Law, the Prophets, Jesus and the Apostles was voted down in favor of the Will of “enlightened” men, be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA sever its official relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as of December 31, 2010, by action of the 23<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina Synod Assembly at its June 4-5 2010 Assembly at Newberry College, and be it further

RESOLVED that the South Carolina Synod continue to support its institutions and agencies in cooperation with its sister synods including those churches in Japan, Tanzania and Colombia, and be it further

RESOLVED that the congregations of this synod continue to serve, welcome and accept ALL people with Word and Sacrament, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Synod Council present at the June4-5, 2010 Synod Assembly present changes to the Constitution, By Laws, and Continuing Resolutions of the South Carolina Synod that will elide all references to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Church Council , the Conference of Bishops, “this church” and “churchwide” : S1.11, S2.01, S3.01,S3.02, S6.03(b)(c)(f)(g)(q)(r), S7.01, S7.12(b), S.7.21(h), S7.23, S7.24, S7.25, S7.26, S.7.27, S7.27.01; S8.12(c), S8.12(e), S8.12 (h4)(h7), S8.12.(i3), S8.15, S8.32(d), S8.48(c), S8.48 (f), S8.57, S9.03.01, S10.01, S10.02, S10.03(d)(e),S.10.07.08(a), S10.07.08(k), S11.01, S11.02, S11.03(a), S12.01, S13.01, S13.01(a.1.2.3), S13.01.01, S13.22, S13.23, S13.31, S14.01, S14.02, S14.02(c.4), S14.05,S14.11(b), S14.13(e), S14.31(a.2, S14.13(c), S15.11(b), S15.12, S15.21, S15.31, S16.01, S16.05, S18.12S.18.13, S18.21and S18.31.

[Submitted by the Rev. George M. Rushe, Retired]