

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

1 **WHEREAS**, the voting members of 2024 Synod Assembly of the Metro-Chicago  
2 Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathered under the theme,  
3 “In Jesus’ Name: Proclaim the Gospel. Make Disciples. Do Justice (1 Peter 4: 10-  
4 11),” we offer our praise, prayer, and thanks to God for gathering us in this place;  
5 and,

6 **Whereas**, the voting members offer their thanks and support of the bishop, our  
7 officers, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Council, the Metropolitan Chicago  
8 Synod staff, and our Conference Deans for their faithful service and compassionate  
9 support for our life together as God’s people; and,

10 **Whereas**, we offer thanks for Nic Barnum, Synod Assembly Chair, and all  
11 individuals who assisted Assembly participants to gather this day and to tend to the  
12 business of the synod and the broader church and,

13 **Whereas**, we give thanks to our Churchwide Representative, Victoria Flood,  
14 Director for Congregation and Synod Support, Churchwide Staff, and Rev. Bishop  
15 Seane and delegation, Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of  
16 South Africa; and,

17 **Whereas**, we thank our worship leaders, volunteers, musicians, and musician Mr.  
18 Dale Tippett for leading us in giving praise, through song and prayer, to a gracious  
19 God who calls us to Proclaim the Gospel. Make Disciples. Do Justice; and

20 **Whereas**, we give thanks for the many representatives of the partners in ministry  
21 who are present at the assembly; and,

22 **Whereas**, we give thanks for all those who offered their service to this synod  
23 through the election process, to those who were elected, and those who continue to  
24 serve; and,

25 **Whereas**, we offer thanks to those who made this assembly possible in various  
26 ways, our parliamentarian, Ms. Joan Bundley, and the chairs and members of the  
27 Assembly Committees; and,

28 **Whereas**, we offer thanks for our workshop leaders, the youth spoken word poets,  
29 Jada Patterson, Zoe Cabrera and Sofia PeBenito, and the keynote speaker  
30 photographer & Social Justice Artist, Tonika Lewis Johnson, the Les Enfants  
31 Dance Group, and the Crystal Clear Productions Dixieland Brass Band, and the  
32 Gabriel Datcu Trio; and,

33 **Whereas**, we offer thanks for our ASL language interpreters: Ms. Patti Oberbeck  
34 and Ms. Patti Shore Kaden, and to Ms. Magdalena Del Toro, Spanish Interpreter,  
35 Ms. Gaby Valladolid, Videographer, Mr. Ari Neiditz, Video Editor, and Ms.  
36 Maribel Lopez, Web Consultant; and,

37 **Whereas**, we acknowledge with thanks the service, the staff, and members of  
38 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Charles, our evening worship site; and,

39 **Whereas**, we offer thanks to the Q Center staff and technical crew, and those who  
40 prepared our meals and served them; and,

41 **Whereas**, we give thanks to God for God's continued presence among us and our  
42 world,

43 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Metro-Chicago Synod of the  
44 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathered in this 37th Synod Assembly at

45 the Q Center, St. Charles, Illinois, stand, as able, and express its gratitude to all who  
46 serve our Savior and Lord with grace, faithfulness, and compassion.