

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SYNOD ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the normal pattern for worship in our church includes both Word and Sacrament every Sunday as stated in “The Use of the Means of Grace” (Principle 35). And,

WHEREAS, “The Use of the Means of Grace” (Background 35A) states that, “The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church’s fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained.” And,

WHEREAS, paragraph 7.31.12 of the Constitution of the ELCA states that “Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

- a. Every ordained minister shall:
 - 1) preach the Word;
 - 2) administer the sacraments;
 - 3) conduct public worship;” And,

WHEREAS, paragraph S14.21 of the synod constitution states that “All ordained ministers under a call shall attend meetings of the Synod Assembly”. And,

WHEREAS, including a Sunday in the meeting dates for synod assembly removes all pastors under call from their parishes thus eliminating the sacraments from worship. And,

WHEREAS, paragraph S7.13 of the Southeastern Synod states that “The time and place of all regular and special meetings of the Synod Assembly shall be determined by the Synod Council.”

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council is directed to cause a study to be done with respect to the days the synod assembly meets as well as the duration of the assembly, and based upon this study present a report and recommendations to this assembly at its next annual meeting for its consideration.

Submitted by Conference 8 - Greater Alabama Conference

Reference and Council Recommends Approval