

A Resolution of Thanksgiving for the 2008 Synod Assembly

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Synod celebrates “God’s Work, Our Hands” and praises God for our overseas partnerships with the Lutheran Churches in Guatemala; Malaysia; Singapore; Augsburg, Germany; and Ethiopia; and partnership with the ELCA LaCrosse Area Synod in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Bishop, officers and staff of our Southeastern Synod have given many hours and traveled many miles throughout the territory of our synod to offer counsel, support, and care; and

WHEREAS, through their witness, they continue to encourage us to participate in “God’s Work, Our Hands,” through word, deed and action; and

WHEREAS, the tireless effort of the various assembly committees, volunteers, and servant leaders enable the work of this synod to move forward; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2008 voting members and visitors of the Synod Assembly give thanks to God and offer up our heartfelt gratitude and prayerful support to the bishop, officers, staff and volunteers, not only for all their joyful and faithful labors, but especially for their persistent and loving encouragement to all of us in the Southeastern Synod in sharing many ways of offering “God’s Work, Our Hands,” with very special thanks to:

Keynote Speaker: Jill Schumann, President and CEO of Lutheran Services in America; Special Guest Speaker: Padre Horatio Castillo, Bishop of the Augustinian Lutheran Church in Guatemala; ELCA Churchwide Representative: The Rev. Stephen Bouman, ELCA Executive Director of Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission and former bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod; Chaplains of the Alliance of Lutheran Ministries of the Southeast (ALMS); SESLYO leaders and members; Synod Assembly committees and volunteers; worship leaders and musicians; all who gave offerings for the AFFIRM Founders Scholarship Fund; Renaissance Waverly Hotel staff for their hospitality; those who remained in our congregations and homes to lead worship and fill in while we were away; exhibitors and workshop leaders; Southeastern Synod Global Mission team for sponsoring the Global Mission Breakfast; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for captioning of the plenary sessions; all who willingly offered their time for leadership or volunteer positions; and all who lifted this assembly up in prayer.

**Submitted by Reference and Counsel Committee
Reference and Counsel recommends approval**