

## Courtesy Resolutions for the 2009 DE-MD SWO Convention (8 F)

### Resolution #1

**Whereas**, The Convention Planning Committee, co-chaired by Margaret Green and Kristin McMasters, and registrar Jean Ehlers, worked diligently and effectively to arrange a program supporting the theme, “What is God Calling Us to Do and to Be”, and

**Whereas**, First Lutheran Church, Rev. Eugene Kern, Rev. Gigie Sijera-Grant, Tom Leeseburg-Lange, staff and congregation, so graciously hosted the convention, supporting and assisting the committee in planning and arrangements as needed to assure an effective program and an enjoyable experience for all participants; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the Delaware-Maryland Synodical Women’s Organization express its sincere, heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Convention Planning Committee, co-chairs Margaret Green and Kristin McMasters, Jean Ehlers, Rev. Eugene Kern, Rev. Gigie Sijera-Grant, Tom Leeseburg-Lange, staff and congregation of First Lutheran Church for their contributions to a successful and enjoyable convention.

### Resolution #2

**Whereas**, The Rev. Gigie Sijera-Grant, worship service presiding minister, The Rev. Eugene Kern, worship service assistant minister, and The Rev. Virginia K. Price, Assistant to the Bishop and preacher for the day, inspired us to always listen to God’s call and to act boldly in response to his call to find “What is God Calling Us to Do and to Be?”; and

**Whereas**, Mrs. Betty Pedersen Brandt, Churchwide Women’s Organization representative, provided information and a vital connection to the work and resources of the Women of the ELCA, to President Beth Wrenn, Executive Director Linda Post Bushofsky, and the churchwide board; and

**Whereas**, Lynette Todd, parliamentarian, provided guidance to enable the convention business to be conducted in a smooth and orderly fashion; and

**Whereas**, the workshop leaders, Katrina Klettke Straker, of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Betty Brandt and Marilyn Hembrook, and Bible study leaders, The Rev. Sandra C. Alexis, The Rev. Laura Sinche, The Rev. Vicki Hamel, The Rev. Darcy Percy, and Seminarian Christine Myers, shared their knowledge, expertise, and experiences to provide a variety of opportunities for participants to focus on the times and seasons in their lives that they can hear God’s call and respond in a growing relationship with him, enabling each of the participants to serve in response to His call; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the participants at this convention acknowledge with deepest gratitude all of these contributions and express their love, respect and thanks for the gifts shared by these leaders.

### Resolution #3

**Whereas**, Karen Anne Shaton, outgoing Vice President, Eva Fennell, outgoing Secretary, and outgoing board members, Margaret Green and Margaret Kromah, the other present and former officers and board members and committees of the DE-MD SWO have given, and are giving generously of their times and talents, providing leadership to support all of the Women of the ELCA in maintaining an active, effective organization, through which women grow in faith, service, giving, and outreach in their congregations, the synod, and the church at large; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That the participants of this convention express sincere appreciation to current, Incoming and outgoing officers and board members for their time and efforts, and resolve to support them in their work, to the end that all of the women of this SWO will be mobilized to act boldly on their faith and to find “What is God Calling Us to Do and To Be?”