

3:09 PM

Bishop Satterlee reconvened the Assembly and welcomed back Pr. Betsy Kamphuis who brought before the Assembly Memorial – A, a memorial to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly, addressing this church’s response to the climate change crisis.

**Motion SA22.05.13**

To adopt Memorial – A as presented to the 2022 Synod Assembly (and amended per motions following).

Pr. Kate Van Valkenburg, Bread of Life – Hudsonville / Second, Deacon Kathy Bonn, Trinity – Midland and Covenant Health Care – Saginaw

Results: 101-Yes; 18-No

**Adopted**

Following discussion during the pre-Assembly ZOOM sessions regarding Resolution – A and Memorial -A, Memorial -A was amended for presentation to the Assembly. Pr. Erick Johnson reviewed the amended version for the Assembly.

The proposed Amended 1st Resolve reads:

*Resolved, that we of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to direct the churchwide expression of the ELCA to continue to call upon corporate and governmental leaders of the United States to enact policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030, generating 100% of its power from clean renewable sources by 2035, and achieving net zero emissions 2050, and be it further*

**Motion SA22.05.14**

To amend Memorial – A, 1<sup>st</sup> Resolve, to read as presented.

Pr. Erick Johnson, All Saints – Mason / Second Mr. Rich Weingartner, Faith – Okemos

Point of order, Andreas Teich: Does Erick Johnson have voice in the Assembly?

Answer - Yes

Results: 111-Yes; 13-No

**Adopted**

Pr. Erick Johnson presented the proposed amendment to the 2<sup>nd</sup> resolve:

*Resolved that the churchwide expression of the ELCA encourage congregations and synods to advocate for a just transition away from greenhouse gases with at least 40% of the governmental funding in the energy sector going towards projects that directly benefit poverty stricken indigenous, black, and other people*

*of color communities that bear a disproportionate cost of pollution and climate change; and be it further*

**Motion SA22.05.15**

To amend Memorial – A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Resolve to read as presented to the Assembly.  
Pr. Alan Schiff, Faith – Okemos / Second Gary Goodykoontz, St. Peter – Battle Creek

Results: 110-Yes; 14-No

**Adopted**

Pr. Erick Johnson presented the proposed amendment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolve:

*Resolved that the ELCA Churchwide support these actions through investments in staff, education, tools, and resources that equip congregations and synods to accomplish these goals and leverage knowledge, skills, and experience across the church, encouraging both rostered and non-rostered leaders, in response to the climate change emergency, to lift up the urgency of expressing, at least monthly, God’s love in Christ for the earth and for our neighbors through story-telling, prayers, and preaching.*

**Motion SA22.05.16**

To amend Memorial – A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolve, as presented.

Pr. Alan Schiff, Faith – Okemos / Second Pr. Kate Schroeder, Immanuel – Jackson  
Call for discussion: See below.

Results: 109-Yes; 11-No

**Adopted**

**Motion SA22.05.17**

To amend the amendment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolve, striking “at least monthly” from the amendment.

Pr. Julie Bailey, Ascension – Saginaw / Second Pr. Chris Laughlin, Immanuel – Allegan

Discussion: Numerous speakers both in favor and against the amendment to the amendment.

Results: 82-Yes; 43-No

**Adopted** (The words “at least monthly” are stricken from the amendment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolve).

**Motion SA22.05.18**

To call the previous question (end discussion)

Pr. Julie Schneider – Thomas, Zion – Comstock Park / Second Pr. Paul Busekist, Bethlehem – Traverse City

Results: 118-Yes; 8-No

**Adopted** (Debate is ended)

The amended amendment to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Resolve of Memorial – A now reads:

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