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Congregational Mission Planning

(LIFT)

WHEREAS, in response to the shifts and changes that the church has faced in the past several years, and after several years of study, prayer, deliberations and conversation throughout the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a specially-created task force offered a proposal for our denomination entitled "Living Into the Future Together" (LIFT), and

WHEREAS this proposal received the strong approval 91% of the voting members of the 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly and has equally enthusiastic support from the ELCA Conference of Bishops, Churchwide staff and governing units, the Pacifica Synod Council, and other expressions, agencies, and institutions of the church, and

WHEREAS, in the now approved LIFT proposal, every congregation of the ELCA is invited and urged to begin or continue the work of developing a mission plan during the year 2012 that will be ongoing and into the future, (see supporting documentation on the reverse side), and

WHEREAS, it is a well-known reality, that ministry coupled with intentional visioning, planning, and implementation leads to more effective and creative mission that motivates and moves congregations forward in positive and evangelical ways, and

WHEREAS the leadership of the Pacifica Synod has adopted a congregation planning model to be introduced at this assembly and shared in a series of training events in the following months, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that all congregations of the Pacifica Synod are urged to attend a three hour equipping event to be held in the conferences or regions of the synod later this year; whereby the planning model(s) will be introduced, offered, and explained, and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that each congregation are urged to bring all rostered leaders and a minimum of five lay persons to one of the above mentioned training events in the late summer and early fall of this year, 2012, and

BE IF FURTHER RESLOVED that each congregation of the Pacifica Synod is urged to share a copy of their strategic evangelical mission plan with the synod council for posting on the Pacifica Synod website, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all congregations are urged to finalize their strategic evangelical mission plan by the 2013 Pacifica Synod Assembly.

Submitted by
Pacifica Synod Council