

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE ON HARMONY

WHEREAS, the members of the Southeastern Synod have varied opinions on the sexuality statement and related ministry changes passed at the 2010 Church wide Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the youth of the Southeastern Synod also have varying opinions about these same issues; and

WHEREAS, Ephesians 4:1-6 states: “I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all;” and

WHEREAS, we the youth, respecting the bound consciences of our peers, continue to remain unified in the Body of Christ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the 2010 Southeastern Synod Assembly go out and promote unity within the church and their congregations; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council send the Southeastern Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (SESLYO) “Harmony Letter” to each and every congregation of this synod by way of congregational council presidents, pastors, and youth directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these letters be encouraged to be posted in a public place.

Submitted by SESLYO.

Reference and Counsel recommends adoption.