**Resolutions presented by the Synod Council**

**Synod Council Resolution # 3**

**Implementation of the “Vision 2018” Synod Missional Plan**

**WHEREAS,** “we take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do.

He keeps us in step with each other” (Ephesians 4:16, *The Message*); and

**WHEREAS,** the 2014 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly is asked to consider and adopt the “Vision 2018: Discerning God’s Plan” document which seeks to determine the directions of the synod’s ministry for the years 2014 through 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the deep and genuine desire of the Delaware-Maryland Synod in Assembly that this plan be implemented in the life and ministry of our synod so that God’s Holy Spirit might lead us in new directions and bring much fruit; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to fully implement the Vision 2018 Plan, we need to take the core concepts from that vision and move them into strategic action plans; and

**WHEREAS**, this process involves identifying specific tactics through prioritizing resources, setting measures for success and establishing timelines for completion;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**THAT the Delaware-Maryland Synod gathered in Assembly direct the Synod Council to appoint a five- member team consisting of two staff persons, two Discernment Team members and one Synod Council member; the bishop and the synod vice president will serve ex officio;**

**AND THAT this Implementation Team be tasked with developing a detailed strategic plan to include specific tactics to implement the intent of the “WAY” together with identifying needed resources, building ownership, setting a time frame for completion and developing additional metrics for measuring success;**

**AND THAT a first draft of this strategic plan be ready by October 1, 2014 with final approval by the Synod Council in November 2014.**