## Resolution #3: The Campaign of the ELCA

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America launched its first-ever funding campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, on February 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this campaign hopes to raise a total of $198 million for the church’s ministry in an effort to increase this church’s capacity for mission and to create new funding streams; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly voted to endorse this campaign, promised that this synod would participate in significant ways and instructed the Synod Council to bring a concrete proposal to the 2015 Synod Assembly for further action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Delaware-Maryland Synod in Assembly renew its commitment to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA,* and set an overall campaign goal of $2.5 million to be raised by the campaign’s ending date of January 31, 2019; and

RESOLVED, that of this total, $2 million be designated for the ELCA Campaign and $500,000 be designated for ministry within the synod in the same ministry categories that are offered through the ELCA Campaign; and

RESOLVED, that congregations, church-related ministries and individual members in the Delaware-Maryland Synod be encouraged to prayerfully consider the ELCA Campaign and the synod campaign as further expressions of their stewardship of the many gifts God has bestowed; and

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council be instructed to form a Campaign Action Team (CAT) of between seven and nine persons who will oversee implementation of this resolution; and

RESOLVED, that the Synod’s Faith Spending Plan for SY2015 be amended to include expenses estimated to be $30,000 to cover campaign staffing this year and that remaining expenses during the four-year life of the campaign be included in future Faith Spending Plans.

This resolution was approved by the Synod Council of the Delaware-Maryland Synod on March 14, 2015.