**Resolution 2018-5: Mar Lu Ridge Sunday**

WHEREAS, Mar Lu Ridge Camp and Retreat Center was founded in 1959 as the Outdoor Ministry of the Maryland Synod of the Lutheran Church, and continues today to serve as a resource for the Delaware-Maryland Synod, the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod, and the Church at large; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Synod and its members to support this unique and blessed organization, financially and through prayer; and

WHEREAS, the ministry of Mar Lu Ridge has wide impact throughout the Church and the work the Gospel, including encouraging and forming future leaders for ministry; and

WHEREAS, we are called as God’s people to be good stewards of Creation and the world that God has given us; and

WHEREAS, Mar Lu Ridge will celebrate its sixtieth anniversary next year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in 2019 congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod

are encouraged to lift up Mar Lu Ridge in a significant way on Sunday, May 5 or another time more convenient to the congregation. This may be done as simply as offering prayers of support during the Prayers of the Church, or something more significant such as a Temple Talk from someone familiar with the ministry of the camp, as well as taking up a special offering on that day. Again, this is left to the discretion of the congregation and its unique ministry context; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that congregations support this ministry by regularly lifting up

Mar Lu Ridge in their faith community through distribution of Mar Lu Ridge promotional materials, encouraging members of all ages to consider attending one of Mar Lu Ridge’s programs throughout the year, assisting those who cannot afford to attend camp to do so through the scholarship program at Mar Lu Ridge, and being willing to find ways to use Mar Lu Ridge’s facilities to complement the ministry of their congregation.

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