**Resolution #8**

**A Resolution Encouraging Spiritual Renewal**

**WHEREAS,** Lutherans have great faith stories to tell, and

**WHEREAS,** Telling our faith stories grows faith in both the teller and hearer, and

**WHEREAS**, Telling our faith stories has not traditionally been part of our culture, and

**WHEREAS,** We as Lutherans, embrace the opportunity to reverse the fifty year decline that our church bodies have experienced, and

**WHEREAS**, The ELCA’s program of congregational renewal is centered on Bible study and prayer, and

**WHEREAS,** At the ELCA 2011 Assembly, every congregation was asked to develop a mission plan for outreach, and

**WHEREAS,** The Synod will be videotaping the Partners 2.0 workshop, *“Small Talk Turns to God Talk,”* and every congregation in the Synod soon will have this as a valuable resource, therefore

**RESOLVED,**That the DE-MD Synod strongly encourage each of our congregations to engage in a parish-wide effort of Bible study and prayer aimed at spiritual renewal, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That telling our faith stories be a part of this effort, and be it further

**RESOLVED,**That the Delaware-Maryland Synod lift up *Unbinding the Gospel* as one such program of spiritual renewal, and be it further

**RESOLVED,**That in consultation with the Rev. Kati Kluckman-Ault, Director for Evangelical Mission, one person in each conference be appointed to encourage the rostered leaders and congregations in their conference to engage in this renewal.

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