

## **2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly**

### **D – Resolution regarding the Kairos Palestine Statement**

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WHEREAS, the leaders of the Churches in the Holy Land have issued a statement entitled, "A moment of truth: A word of faith, hope, and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering" urging Christians throughout the world to help them and their people as they struggle non-violently to end the unjust and illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Synod affirms the document "A moment of truth," which is attached to this resolution, and joins with Palestinian brothers and sisters and Israeli supporters, as they struggle non-violently for a just peace settlement with the State of Israel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the congregations of this Synod be encouraged to make the "A moment of truth" statement available to their members in print and by encouraging further education by accessing information at [www.kairospalestine.ps](http://www.kairospalestine.ps); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution be shared by the Bishop of this Synod with the leadership of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the leadership of the Churches in the Holy Land, the national and international ecumenical organizations to which the ELCA belongs, as well as with the President of the United States and the Congressional representatives of the State of Washington.

#### **Implications of Resolution (if adopted):**

1. What is the financial impact of this resolution on the synod budget?

Minimal, the cost of stationary and postage

2. What are the personnel implications within our synod (or churchwide)? Who will be responsible for implementation of the resolution?

The Bishop of this Synod in cooperation with the pastors and other leaders of the Synod will implement this resolution.

3. How does this resolution enhance and forward the mission of the church and our synod?

The resolution affirms the catholicity of the Church by encouraging members of the Synod to become more knowledgeable about, and advocate for, the mission of the Church elsewhere in the world.