

## 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

### E – New Ministry and Leadership Capital Campaign Authorization

Source: Synod Council

WHEREAS the Northwest Washington Synod is to “Plan for the mission of the church in this synod, initiating and developing policy and implementing programs, consistent with churchwide policy, including:

(2) development of new ministries, redevelopment of existing ministries, and support and assistance in the conclusion, if necessary, of a particular ministry”; (S6.03.e.2) and

WHEREAS the Northwest Washington Synod in assembly in 2004 restricted \$600,000 “for supporting new congregations and transformational ministry projects” (SA.2004.07); and

WHEREAS \$338,027.49 from the assets from the closure of St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Shoreline were restricted by Synod Council action for supporting new congregations and transformational ministry projects (SC 2006.09.02); and

WHEREAS these restricted funds have now been committed to the support of eleven new ministries in this synod; and

WHEREAS the need to start new congregations and support transformational ministry projects continues to be a responsibility of this synod; and

WHEREAS the synod is also charged to raise up new leaders and support first call pastors, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry and deaconesses; and

WHEREAS the debt incurred by candidates for these rosters is increasing; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly authorizes the Synod Council and the office of the Bishop to test the feasibility of conducting a capital fund drive with a tentative goal of 4 million dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if feasible the Synod Council and office of the bishop be authorized to initiate said capital campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds of the capital campaign be designated for starting new ministries or supporting transformational ministry projects and for reducing student debt

incurred in pursuit of theological education for first call pastors, diaconal ministers, associates in ministry or deaconesses serving in the Northwest Washington Synod. The actual amounts to be determined based on the results of the capital campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the 2010 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly pledge to support this campaign with their financial resources and by encouraging other members of this synod to participate in the capital campaign.

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

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

No direct impact. Designated funds have already been received to begin this process. Any funding requirements will have to come from non-budgetary sources.

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

The bishop of the synod and the director of evangelical mission will have primary responsibility for implementation. The Synod Council will be responsible for seeing that this work proceeds in a timely fashion.

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

The implications are related to the heart of the synod's ministry. Starting new congregations, supporting congregations in transition and raising up new leaders are central to the work of the synod. This capital campaign will provide funding to do this work. With the declining percentage of mission partnership support going to the synod and churchwide, this appeal will expand the available dollars to work in a variety of settings without waiting for funding to become available from Churchwide.