

**2010 NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

**G – A More Just and Equitable Tax Structure in Washington State**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA call upon the citizens of Washington State to reform our state tax structure so that people of every income level would be paying an equitable portion of their income in taxes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA support any initiative that would accomplish this purpose by taxing those who are in the top 3% of income earners in the State of Washington; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Northwest Washington Synod be encouraged to review and study the recommendations of the ELCA Social Statement on Economic Life in this regard and to participate in any campaign that would correct the regressive tax structure of the State of Washington, and maintain programs and services for the most vulnerable people within the State of Washington.