

**2021 Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly
RESOLUTIONS**

2021 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

Resolution No. 2-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2021.

2022 MINIMUM SALARY GUIDELINES

Resolution No. 3-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed Minimum Salary Guidelines for 2022.

2021 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

Resolution No. 4-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2021 Mission Goals (synod budget).

2022 NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD MISSION GOALS

Resolution No. 5-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopt the Proposed 2022 Mission Goals (synod budget).

**AMENDMENTS TO THE
NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD CONSTITUTION**

Resolution No. 6-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, That the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly adopt the following amendments to the synod constitution.

Additions are underlined. Deletions are struck through in the text.

**S18.21. ...This synod may amend its bylaws at any meeting of the Synod Assembly by a two-thirds vote of the voting members of the assembly present and voting. ...*

To amend Bylaw S10.07.02 to be consistent with *S10.01.b.:

S10.07.02. Each conference may submit to the nominating committee the name of one young adult to serve on the Synod Council for a two-year three-year term...

*(*S10.01.b. The term of office of members of the Synod Council, with the exception of the officers and the youth member, shall be three years.)*

*(*S6.04.02. ... The term "young adult" means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.)*

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**S18.31. ...continuing resolutions may be adopted or amended by a majority vote of the Synod Assembly...*

To amend Continuing Resolution S14.16.01.A2000, Section 9. to be consistent with S14.17.:

S14.16.01.A2000, Section 9. The pastor may consider a Letter of Call for as long as 15 30 days..."

(S14.17. ...A minister of Word and Sacrament shall respond with an answer to acceptance or declination to a letter of call within 30 days of receipt of such call. ...)

ELCA ADVOCACY SUPPORT FOR THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

Resolution No. 7-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod encourages congregations in our synod to utilize the ELCA's primer on "Carbon Pricing Basics" in adult education offerings that explore various approaches to carbon pricing including the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod rededicates itself to care for creation through our Care for Creation Network and to advocate for social and environmental justice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod affirms and commends resources related to care for creation produced by the ELCA, Lutherans Restoring Creation (lutheransrestoringcreation.org), and other environmental and ecumenical partners.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACTION ON CHILD PROTECTION

Resolution No. 8-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America encourages its members to read and study the “Rationale for a Social Statement on Child Abuse and Child Protection” available for reference at: <http://currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents/article/view/306/335> ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod acknowledges sins against children and will continue to engage churchwide, synodical, and congregational processes to demonstrate repentance by developing effective child protection and child maltreatment policies at every level; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod encourage and equip congregations to engage issues of child maltreatment through preaching, Bible study, and awareness of ministries that address the needs of children suffering abuse or neglect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod encourages its congregations to offer opportunities for dialogue and education on effective formation of children including Bible studies on the Christian obligation to raise and care for children without the use of corporal punishment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this synod will encourage ELCA seminaries to provide education on recognizing and responding to child abuse, including appropriate spiritual care, and to provide continuing education on child maltreatment for pastors, deacons and other faith leaders in the field.

MEMORIAL ON DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD PROTECTION SOCIAL STATEMENT

Resolution No. 9-21, Adopted

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Iowa Synod memorializes the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to develop and adopt a social statement on Child Abuse and Child Protection.