Adopted by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

Resolved
To thank the Northeastern Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Lower Susquehanna, Upper Susquehanna, and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods for their strong support for and concern about Lutheran Disaster Response;

To acknowledge that Lutheran Disaster Response is a collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS);

To acknowledge that Lutheran Disaster Response currently is involved in a strategic planning process including the chief executive officers from five Lutheran Disaster Response-affiliated social ministry organizations;

To recommend to the strategic planning group that they give consideration to creating a permanent Lutheran Disaster Response advisory committee and to defining a process for succession of committee membership;

To anticipate that this process will address effective, appropriate, and sustainable response mechanisms and the future nature and focus of Lutheran Disaster Response;

To encourage the ELCA to continue to deepen and develop its process for working together with churchwide units, synods, and social ministry organizations in times of specific disasters; and

To request that the Church in Society program unit bring a progress report to the April 2010 meeting of the Church Council.