Resolved

To receive with gratitude the memorial of the Western North Dakota Synod calling on the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to recognize and celebrate the central role of farmers and ranchers in providing an abundant supply of food and fiber for this nation and the world;

To acknowledge the central importance of the vocation of agriculture for rural communities and the economic life of this nation as a whole; and

To affirm that the ELCA, in its social policies, recognizes and supports not only the vital role of farmers and ranchers in caring for the land and providing daily bread, but also their stewardship of creation through responsible use of science and technology.

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