

## **Summary of the Resolutions and Memorials to be considered at the 2025 Synod Assembly**

### **RC2025 03 Resolution on Accompanying Immigrants**

This resolution, in light of the ELCA's commitment to accompanying and welcoming immigrants, calls on the Synod to provide training, resources, and continuing education for rostered leaders and congregations, and directs the Bishop of the Synod to appoint an immigration task force to lead the Synod's ministry with immigrants. It further directs the Bishop to make the Synod's ministry with immigrants a high priority.

### **RC2025 01 Resolution on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policies and Procedures**

This resolution calls upon the Synod to form a task force to oversee the implementation of safety policies and procedures throughout the congregations and ministry sites of the Synod, and that the staff of the Synod keep records of the implementation of these policies and procedures in all our congregations and mission starts. Further, it directs the staff of the Synod to arrange for training and continuing education for the rostered and lay leaders of the Synod.

### **RC2025 02 Memorial regarding Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policies and Procedures**

This memorial asks the 2025 MAS Assembly to memorialize the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to direct all the synods of the ELCA to implement policies and procedures which safeguard children and vulnerable adults; and to forward this memorial to the ELCA's Churchwide Executive Committee to delegate this work to the appropriate churchwide unit or office.

### **RC2025 04 Resolution on a Response to the Destruction of Palestinians**

This resolution asks the 2025 Assembly to reject silent complicity in the destruction of Palestinians, and also reject any definition of anti-semitism which does not distinguish between the hatred of Jews and criticism of the state of Israel. It further directs the Bishop of the Synod to speak to the congressional members in the MAS area in support of the value of all lives in the Holy Land, and to ask them to stop any military support of Israel that harms Palestinians. It further asks the congregations of the Synod to review their investment decisions.

### **RC2025 05 Memorial in Response to the Destruction of Palestinians**

This memorial asks the 2025 MAS Assembly to memorialize the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to direct the churchwide organization to increase awareness of the need for unity and peacemaking in Gaza, and to provide resources to aid in the recovery and rebuilding.

### **RC2025 06 Memorial regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)**

This memorial asks the 2025 MAS Assembly to memorialize the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to direct the churchwide organization to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women by strengthening educational offerings; developing worship materials; and advancing advocacy and partnership at the local, state, and federal levels.

### **RC2025 07 Revising the FY 2025 Synod Budget**

This resolution revises the budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026) based upon current mission support trends, including the final mission support receipts for 2024. A proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget was passed at the 2024 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly.

**RC2025 08    Revising the FY 2026 Synod Budget**

This resolution proposes a budget for Fiscal Year 2025 based on current mission support trends.

**RC2025 09    Memorial for continued work on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and  
Accessibility at the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering**

This memorial asks the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to request that the ELCA Youth Gathering team continue to deepen its commitment to creating an inclusive and equitable Gathering by supporting a Minneapolis Area Synod rapid response team, requiring all staff and volunteers to participate in diversity training, and exploring options for a racial equity audit.