

**Resolution #5 Recommendation: DO PASS
Action Taken: Adopted**

Subject: Resolution to Encourage Awareness and Prayer Regarding Same Gender Issues Source: Crossroads Conference

WHEREAS, the ELCA has “called upon congregations and members to welcome, care for, and support same-gender couples and their families and to advocate for their legal protection”, (2009 Social Statement passed at Churchwide Assembly); and WHEREAS, the same Assembly stated we “support legislation and policies to protect civil rights and to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment, and public services”; and

WHEREAS, the same Assembly approved by 2/3 majority that we “recognize that the Church has a pastoral responsibility to all children of God,” therefore be it RESOLVED, that the SD Synod Assembly encourage its congregations to increase our awareness of these issues, to be in prayer for appropriate direction and to keep informed as to the rights and struggles of this minority group.

MSC to adopt Resolution 5: Resolution to Encourage Awareness and Prayer Regarding Same Gender Issues. (yes = 311, no = 45) SA.16.08