

Resolution: 3
Recommendation: DO PASS
Action Taken: _____

Subject: Support for our Companion The Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua
Source: Companion Synod Committee

WHEREAS, the SD Synod and Iglesia Lutherana de Nicaragua Fe y Esperanza (Lutheran Church of Faith & Hope of Nicaragua) have an established companion synod relationship of accompaniment; and

WHEREAS, the companion synod committee has joined ILFE in a “Green Project ” to deal with climate change, clean and upgraded water supplies, new and improved farming practices and crops with a goal of \$20,000 assistance per year: and

WHEREAS, the companion synod committee has joined ILFE in funding a national youth gathering each year to provide faith based activities and workshops on climate change, gender discrimination, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS with a goal of \$10,000 assistance per year; and

WHEREAS, the companion synod committee supports a mission representative to work with ILFE and visiting delegations at a cost of \$15,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, Nicaragua has experienced numerous earthquakes since April 10, 2014, to present causing damage to homes and infrastructure and interruption of daily life and has asked for assistance ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that congregations of the SD Synod join together in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua in their faith walk, learning more about the Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope; and be it

RESOLVED, that congregations of the SD Synod commit to assist in funding the ongoing Green Project; and be it

RESOLVED, that congregations of the SD Synod commit to the funding of the yearly youth gathering; and be it

RESOLVED, that congregations of the SD Synod commit to making a yearly donation to the stipend and travel expenses for the mission representative; and be it finally

Resolved, that congregations of the SD Synod consider making a contribution to ELCA Disaster Relief or to the SD Synod designating that the funds be used for Nicaragua Earthquake Relief.