

Resolution #6
Recommendation: Do Pass
Action Taken: _____

Subject: Land Acknowledgement Resolution
Source: Bear Butte Conference

WHEREAS, we, of the South Dakota Synod, have affirmed our baptismal calling to seek justice and peace; and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in assembly, adopted a resolution in 2016 to Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recognizes that the Oceti Sakowin, (the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota) the Arikara, and the Cheyenne, are the original inhabitants of South Dakota; and South Dakota is the current home of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the land of South Dakota was taken by broken treaties and force; and

WHEREAS, healing and reconciliation is a process that begins with recognizing where we have been, so that we can move forward; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod leadership model a land acknowledgement at the start of all of its synod-level activities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Synod invite other South Dakota ministries to do the same.