

RESOLUTION FOR RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION OF COMMON GROUND CHURCH

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the members of First Lutheran Church of Lodi, Wisconsin, at a duly called meeting of that congregation, have directed that a new congregation be formed under the name Common Ground Church; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Organization for Common Ground Church has been duly filed with the Columbia County, Wisconsin, Register of Deeds on May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at a duly called meeting of the Congregation of First Lutheran Church held on August 16, 2020, the members of First Lutheran Church have voted to dissolve said congregation and to transfer all property of First Lutheran Church to Common Ground Church; and

WHEREAS, at a duly called meeting of the Congregation of Common Ground Church held on August 16, 2020, said Congregation has accepted the criteria for recognition and reception as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, agreed to fulfill the functions of a congregation, and accepted the governance provisions as provided in Chapter 9 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the Congregation of Common Ground Church has adopted governing documents that include all provisions required under Section S13.01a of the Synod Constitution, and have presented to the Secretary of the Synod a copy of such governing documents, which the Secretary has examined and determined to be fully compliant with that section; and

WHEREAS, at the same meeting, the Congregation of Common Ground Church has accepted the commitments expected of all congregations of the ELCA as stated in C6.01., C6.02., and C6.03. of the Model Constitution for Congregations; and

WHEREAS, the Synod Council has reviewed the actions and expressed intent of Common Ground Church and has approved the recognition and reception of Common Ground Church into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, subject to action of the Synod Assembly approving such recognition and reception,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Common Ground Church shall be, and hereby is, recognized and received into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bishop of this Synod shall report the adoption of this Resolution to the Secretary of the ELCA for the purpose of adding Common Ground Church to the roster of congregations.