**Resolution 2018-6: A Resolution Regarding the Scheduling of Synod Assembly**

WHEREAS, the Delaware--Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks to the ELCA document “The Use of the Means of Grace: A Statement on the Practice of Word and Sacrament” to guide our own worship life; and

WHEREAS, “The Use of the Means of Grace” states: *“The Triune God Acts In The Means of Grace. Principal six. Sunday provides a day for assembly around Word and Sacrament. Sunday, the day of Christ resurrection and of the appearance to the disciples by the crucified and risen Christ, is the primary day on which christians gather to worship. Within this assembly, the Word is read and preached and the sacraments are celebrated*;” and

WHEREAS, the ELCA and its predecessor bodies worked hard to establish the practice of holy communion every Sunday as the norm of it’s worship life; and

WHEREAS, more than 50% of the congregations of the Delaware Maryland synod are lead by one pastor; and

WHEREAS, the availability of ordained pastors to preside at the Sacrament of the Altar exceeds the need if synod assembly was on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the Sunday synod assembly could be lacking enough ordained voting pastors to conduct the business of the synod;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly encourages the synod council, bishop, and synod assembly planning committee to carefully consider the days of Monday through Saturday as the days on which the synod assembly would be held.

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Recommendation from Reference & Counsel: No recommendation.