

**Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod Assembly 2018**  
**Resolution 2**  
**To Appoint a Chaplain for our EWA-ID Synod Assemblies**

1 **WHEREAS** Jesus prayed in the High Priestly Prayer (John 17) for his disciples and all who  
2 would follow, and

3 **WHEREAS** we are urged by St. Paul to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18), and

4 **WHEREAS** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, in the March 9, 308 statement from the Conference of  
5 Bishops said, “. . . We want people to go to church, be faithful in the use of the means of grace  
6 and pray without ceasing. We need to get back to basics”, and

7 **WHEREAS** members of our EWA-ID Synod desire to encourage intentional prayer, and

8 **WHEREAS** engaging in intentional prayer is an effective way of inspiring others to pray, and

9 **WHEREAS** Jesus prayed throughout his ministry and taught his disciples to pray, and

10 **WHEREAS** praying in community comforts, supports, and inspires the community; and

11 **WHEREAS** all who attend our EWA-ID Synod Assembly include people who bring untold  
12 hurts, concerns, and celebrations and

13 **WHEREAS** Chaplains are used in other ELCA Synod Assemblies to:

14 a) offer prayers at the beginning and end of each large group session,

15 b) lead prayer during the work of our assembly

16 c) respond to individual needs for prayer during the assembly, and

17 d) Offer a variety of prayer formats throughout the assembly which provides new  
18 experience with these prayer forms for the individuals attending the assembly.

19 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that our EWA-ID Synod make prayer more  
20 intentional at all assemblies by requesting that the Bishop appoint a Chaplain for the duration of  
21 Synod Assemblies, and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the program planning team continue to offer at least one  
23 workshop related to prayer, and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the program planning team continue to provide a place  
25 and method to convey prayer needs, both private and public, and

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the program planning team continue to provide a staffed  
27 prayer room, to include multiple prayer aids (e.g. a labyrinth, icons, Bibles, etc.) for all Synod  
28 assemblies.

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