

**Eastern Washington – Idaho Synod Assembly 2018**

**Resolution 4**

**Updating our Language**

1 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod was updated in 2017 to  
2 follow the Churchwide Model Constitution for Synods (approved by the Churchwide Assembly  
3 in 2016) that reflects the change in language used in the Constitution, using “ministers of Word  
4 and Sacrament” instead of “ordained ministers” or “clergy” or “pastors,” and “ministers of Word  
5 and Service” instead of “associate in ministry, diaconal minister, and deaconess;” and  
6 **WHEREAS** this Synod supports, encourages, and commissions people from both the ordained  
7 and lay roster to ministry;  
8 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that persons throughout the Eastern Washington–  
9 Idaho Synod recognize and celebrate both rosters by referring to “rostered ministers” instead of  
10 the aforementioned titles in all conversation and business where applicable.

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