

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MINISTRY OF DIANA HAYWOOD

WHEREAS, Diana Haywood has served the church faithfully through her 18 years of service as the Synod Vice-President serving alongside Bishop Timothy Smith and Bishop Leonard Bolick; and

WHEREAS, Diana Haywood has faithfully offered her gifts in chairing synod assemblies and council meetings with fairness, efficiency and graciousness; and

WHEREAS, her unwavering commitment to the synod's mission has led our synod through seasons of great joy and deep pain including during a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, she has also chaired the NC Synod's African Descent Strategy Team, served on the ELCA's African Descent Lutheran Association Governing Board, and celebrated African descent leaders, offered support through grants, and provided needed training such as Culturally Competent Leaders; and

WHEREAS, her thoughtful and insightful leadership and unwavering commitment to this synod have instilled in the leaders and members of this synod with confidence in the journey we make together, all for the sake of the world; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, "the North Carolina Synod is the place to be!";

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED**, that the 2025 NC Synod Assembly express its joy and gratitude for the exemplary service of Diana Haywood as our NC Synod Vice President, by standing in applause and recognition at this time.

