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Whereas, the people of St. Luke's Lutheran Church recognize that a lack of diversity within a congregation can lead to a continuing cycle of racial division; and

Whereas, neither St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Metro D.C. synod nor the ELCA is representative of the racial or ethnic make-up of our communities; and

Whereas, the people of St. Luke's Lutheran Church believe that the issue of racism continues to damage relationships and divide the body of Christ; and

Whereas, our Lord Jesus Christ commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:33); and

Whereas, the Apostle Paul declares that in the Body of Christ all differences of nature, culture and heritage are overcome (Gal. 3:28, and Eph. 2:11-22); and

Whereas, the Synod assembly of Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA has passed a motion with a statement against racism and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church has been inspired to reflect on the issue of racism and endorse a similar statement; may it be

Resolved, that St. Luke's Lutheran Church, as part of the mystical Body of Christ, will be more intentional in our actions to involve people of all races, color, ethnic heritage, gender and age; and be it further

Resolved, that St. Luke's Lutheran Church continues to work on overcoming open racism as well as silent remnants of racism and other prejudices through prayer, teaching, preaching, fellowship and community outreach; and be it further

Resolved, that St. Luke's Lutheran Church encourages all of its members to protect and defend people from racial slurs, aggression and persecution and confront any person or group sharing or perpetuating such views.