

## **Resolution Submission Form 2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly**

**RESOLUTION TITLE:** Allow recognized Campus Ministry sites in the Rocky Mountain Synod to send voting members to Synod Assembly.

**Whereas,** the *Constitution, Bylaw and Continuing Resolutions of the Rocky Mountain Synod* allow all rostered leaders under call, to be voting members of the Synod Assembly (S7.21). But, those rostered leaders serving in campus ministry settings are not permitted to bring lay voting members from their ministry contexts, because they are not designated as congregations; and

**Whereas,** the Rocky Mountain Synod has a stated commitment that “at least 10% of the voting members of the Synod Assembly, Synod Council, committees, and organizational units of this synod be youth and young adults.” (*The term “youth” means a voting member of a congregation who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service. The term “young adult” means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service.*); and

**Whereas,** the campus ministries of the Rocky Mountain Synod accompany students, faculty, staff, and administrators, at their respective institutions of higher education throughout our geographic territory, in worship, study of scripture, faith formation, pastoral care, and a witness to Christ in word and deed; and

**Whereas,** the enfranchisement of campus ministry participants will recognize lay members of our synod who are not currently represented by this assembly.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:** That the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA shall, amend its bylaws to include the following provision:

S7.21.03. The recognized Campus Ministry sites within this synod, each may elect not more than two lay voting members to the Synod Assembly. The persons elected under this section shall not have attained the age of 30 years at the time of election to the Assembly.

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