

## **IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF ROSTERED INDULGENCES SALESPERSONS**

*“Indulgences must be preached with caution...”*  
Martin Luther, *95 Theses*, No. 41

WHEREAS, guided by the Holy Spirit, this church raises up, calls, supports, and maintains rosters of ordained ministers, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers for public ministry in service of the mission of Christ and seeks faithfully to discern in each situation what will best serve that mission; and

WHEREAS, some members, congregations, candidacy committees, and synods of the ELCA have discerned gifts and skills for rostered ministry in some people who are or contemplate preaching the pains of purgatory and the treasury of merits and have indicated their conviction that rostering and calling such people would serve the mission and ministry of this church; and

WHEREAS, the Church of Christ sometimes has been surprised by the actions of the Spirit, as is reported in the book of Acts when the inclusion of Gentiles was affirmed; and

WHEREAS, public accountability of rostered leaders in the ELCA is essential to nurturing the trust that is necessary for effective ministry; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the ELCA commits itself to finding ways to allow congregations and synods that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable the sale of indulgences.

RESOLVED, that the ELCA commits itself to finding a way for people who support the publicly accountable, lifelong sale of indulgences to serve as rostered leaders of this church.

RESOLVED, that, in the implementation of these resolutions, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all.