

## **Resolution SA 21.05**

### **Thanksgiving for Ministry**

Baptized, we welcome one another as fellow members of the Body of Christ and workers with us in the reign of God. Our merciful God gives us particular companions to know and to love in our pilgrimage here on earth. Since the last assembly, the following rostered ministers, whom we remember with thanksgiving and reverence, have died:

The Rev. Don Conrad (6/4/20)  
The Rev. Earl Meissner (9/27/20)  
The Rev. Ronald MacLennan (2/13/21)  
The Rev. Phillip Hett (5/30/21)

The following persons have served the Church faithfully, using their gifts and abilities to build up the Body of Christ, and have now retired from active ministry on the roster of the Church since the last Central States Synod Assembly.

The Rev. Richard Wolf  
The Rev. Shawn Norris  
The Rev. Randy Gibbs  
The Rev. Russ Glaser  
The Rev. Elizabeth Backus  
The Rev. John Backus  
Ms. Anne Chida (deacon)

The body of Christ gathers as congregations to proclaim the gospel, share the means of grace, and empowered to carry out God's mission in the world. The following congregation disaffiliated from the ELCA, discerning that they were called to participate in God's mission through other denominations:

Zion Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, KS (10/23/20)

After many years of faithful ministry, the following congregation closed, trusting that in the midst of death, there is always resurrection and the mission of the church continues:

Immanuel Lutheran Church, WaKeeney, KS (2/28/21)  
The Bridge, as a synod authorized worshipping community (2/28/21)

Therefore, be it resolved that we recognize and give thanks for the ministry of these ministers and these congregations by requesting the assembly chaplain to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.