

RESOLUTION 2021-3 BISHOP EMERITUS MARK W. HOLMERUD

Whereas, The Reverend Mark W. Holmerud has faithfully served as a pastor of the Church since his ordination on November 18, 1984; and

Whereas, This ministry of Word and Sacrament has been exercised in calls in the following ministries: Zion Lutheran Church, Stockton, CA; Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Davis, CA; and the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

Whereas, The Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA extended a call for Reverend Holmerud to serve as bishop of this synod in April 2008; his service beginning July 1, 2008, which will continue until his retirement beginning July 1, 2021; and

Whereas, Bishop Holmerud has faithfully, energetically and creatively served this call for the benefit of the whole Church; and,

Whereas, He has given from his gifts and graces; gave up time with Debbi, children, grandchildren, other family and friends; driven several hundred thousand miles; all the while fueled by the ubiquitous purveyors of caffeine at innumerable Starbucks; and,

Whereas, This proposal of an honorary title carries no remuneration, no authority and no continuation of the office or duties in the Office of the Bishop, but arises totally out of our affection, respect, esteem and gratitude; therefore, be it ,

Resolved, *That the Sierra Pacific Synod offers its gratitude and appreciation for the Reverend Mark W. Holmerud's years of service as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and for the thirteen years as bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod; and be it further*

Resolved, *That this Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in assembly, May 2021, hereby confers upon the Reverend Mark W. Holmerud the designation of "Bishop Emeritus of the Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA", effective July 1, 2021.*

Offered by Sierra Pacific Synod Council, May 4, 2021