

RESOLUTION 21.02

Subject: Honor the Ministry of Bishop Jon V. Anderson
Source: Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council

Whereas, Bishop Jon V. Anderson has completed three terms and has faithfully served in his call as Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2003; and

Whereas, while serving as Bishop of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, he has faithfully provided pastoral care and leadership for this synod, its congregations, rostered ministers, and lay members, both in times of challenge and in times of celebration; and

Whereas, he has led our synod, our conferences, and congregations in strengthening our relationship with our companion synod, the South Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa and our other mission partners; and

Whereas, with humility, grace, and perseverance he exercised his leadership for this synod by seeking God's vision for mission both in celebratory and challenging times; and

Whereas, we give thanks to God for the life, witness, mission, and memory of our first synod bishop, The Rev. Dr. Darold Beekmann; and

Whereas, we give thanks for the rich and deep life of our synod, Bishop Emeritii, and all the people who served in our shared life in Christ; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, at this Assembly, give thanks to God for the ministry of Rev. Jon V. Anderson, and be it further

Resolved, that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod confers upon Bishop Jon V. Anderson the honorary title of Bishop Emeritus of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Resolved, that the Southwestern Minnesota Synod confers upon former bishop, The Rev. Dr. Stan Olson, the honorary title of Bishop Emeritus of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

Resolved, that the synod also recognizes and gives thanks to God for the ministry of the staff members who have served in the synod's life during Bishop Jon Anderson's chapter of service in our synod; and be it further

Resolved, that we give thanks to God for our synod Assembly Planning Team, Synod Council, all committees, task forces and boards who have served in the last two years and during this chapter of our synod's life.