

Resolution #12 - Affirmation and Inclusion of Youth

Subject: Affirmation and Inclusion of Youth

From: Youth Ministry Group

WHEREAS, it is essential for every congregation to affirm the gifts and ministries of our youth in accordance with our covenant to love and nurture them in Christ;

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for youth to be involved in the planning, organizing, and leading of all aspects of the ministry of the church to cultivate a deeper awareness and appreciation of their Christian faith and the traditions and practices of the Moravian Church and their particular congregations;

WHEREAS, the affirmation and inclusion of youth in the church today is vital to the preservation, growth, and future of the living body of Christ; and

WHEREAS, many of our congregations are actively involving youth in the ministry of their churches through mentoring and fostering their participation in activities, such as board and committee members, musicians, ushers, greeters, dieners, lay readers, candle makers, and stewards; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT the 2006 Synod of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America, enthusiastically affirms all congregations who provide opportunities for service and leadership for youth in the ongoing life, ministry, and worship of the church; and

RESOLVED, THAT all congregations in the Southern Province are strongly encouraged to engage youth in the life and ministry of the church by utilizing their talents, abilities, energy, and enthusiasm.