

## **Resolution #25 - Participation in Christian Churches Together in the USA**

**Subject: Participation in Christian Churches Together in the USA**

**From: Ecumenism Ministry Group**

**WHEREAS**, the Southern Province Synod of 1998 called for broadening ecumenical initiatives in many and diverse directions;

**WHEREAS**, Christian Churches Together in the USA brings together a broad representation of American Christians from five different "church families" (Historic Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Evangelical and Pentecostal, and Historic Racial/Ethnic);

**WHEREAS**, Christian Churches Together in the USA has demonstrated its commitment to be truly representative by delaying a "launch" until there is significant representation by all five church families;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Elders' Conference has provided for Moravian representation in the formative stages of Christian Churches Together in the USA, and has approved provisional participation pending synod approval;

**WHEREAS**, in its report to Synod, the Unity and Ecumenical Affairs Commission said that it "hopes that we can express ... wider outreach, concentrating on matters of agreement, in order to further the Kingdom of God;"

**WHEREAS**, the recommended annual contribution for the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces, is \$1000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moravian Church, Northern Province, has also approved provisional participation and will consider ratification of this PEC action at its 2006 synod; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, That** this synod approve participation of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, in Christian Churches Together in the USA; and

**RESOLVED, That** such approval be communicated to the PEC, Northern Province, with an invitation that if the Northern Province Synod of 2006 approves, the two provinces will participate jointly in Christian Churches Together in the USA as the Moravian Church in America.