

Resolution #30 - Partnership for Rebuilding in the Gulf Coast

Subject: Partnership for Rebuilding in the Gulf Coast

From: World Mission Ministry Group

WHEREAS, the Board of World Mission and the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions are cooperating in an on-going Moravian disaster response program;

WHEREAS, through May 2006, a total of 28 work teams, involving approximately 300 individuals from 30 congregations in both the Northern and Southern Province have traveled to the Gulf Coast region to share Christ's love in word and deed with those recovering from devastation, and at least 8 more teams are preparing;

WHEREAS, the need for recovery and rebuilding in Louisiana and Mississippi is great, especially for low-income families, and will continue over the next several years;

WHEREAS, a means to complement the on-going Moravian disaster response is needed, especially to provide for more long term relief;

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity, through its "Operation Home Delivery" program is seeking partners to provide homes to residents in the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, over the years Moravians have joined in mission with local Habitat for Humanity affiliates to construct homes for many families; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Moravian Disaster Response develop and carry out a partnership with Habitat for Humanity or an appropriate alternate to build up to seven homes in the Gulf Coast area over the next intersynodal period (2006-2010);

RESOLVED, That the Synod of 2006 encourages congregations, agencies, groups and individuals to consider supporting this special mission financially (at an estimated cost of \$75,000 per home), and to provide volunteer teams; and

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the 2006 Synod of the Northern Province with a request to consider joining in this partnership for rebuilding.