

Resolution #8 - Support for Moravian Prison Chaplain

Subject: Support for Moravian Prison Chaplain

From: Social Concerns Ministry Group

WHEREAS, through the Board of Evangelism and Home Missions and the involvement of interested congregations, groups, and individuals, a full-time Moravian chaplain began serving with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries in 1995;

WHEREAS, the Synod of 1998 affirmed this ministry and requested its continuance, and the Synod of 2002 approved supplementary funding of this home mission through the normal Provincial budgeting process;

WHEREAS, this ministry celebrated its tenth anniversary in February 2005, with thanksgiving for God's grace and gifts as the lives of inmates, their families and jail and prison staff have been touched and transformed;

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Jail and the Forsyth County Corrections Center continue to house inmates at near capacity, and the numbers of individuals incarcerated statewide continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, this ministry is one example of our commitment as stated in the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living to "have a concern for this world, opening our heart and hand to our neighbors with the message of the love of God, and being ever ready to minister of our substance to their necessities" (MCCL, Para. 29); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Synod of 2006 gives thanks to God for this ministry; affirms it as an expression of our witness and service; and approves that the supplementary funding through the Provincial budgeting process, which was approved by the Synod of 2002, be continued.

Approved by Finance Committee (4-21-06)