

Recent Synod Resolutions of Interest

Synod 2006

RESOLVED, That the 2006 Synod of the Southern Province expresses its regret and apologizes to the African American community for the past participation of the Moravian Church in the institution of slavery; and

RESOLVED, That the 2006 Synod endorses a mandate to the Provincial Elders' Conference to expand, their efforts in respect to racial reconciliation, the elimination of institutional racism, and the fostering of diversity in churches of the Southern Province.

Synod of 2018

RESOLVED, That this Synod supports the renewed work of the Moravian Team for Racial Reconciliation, and requests that this Team be reformed as the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation, and develop resources, materials, experiences and programs to assist congregations and the Province in engaging the tasks to which the *Statement* calls the church; and,

RESOLVED, That congregations, through their church board(s), will report to the Provincial Elders' Conference on an annual basis until the next Synod how they are using and implementing the *Statement on Racism and the Church*, and are utilizing the resources developed by the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation; and,

RESOLVED, That in the next inter-synodal period, the PEC will initiate intentional conversation with one or more churches or de-nominations of diverse racial, cultural and ethnic membership to explore cooperation in mission and service and to "bear public witness and to demonstrate by word and deed that we are brothers and sisters in Christ;" and,

RESOLVED, That during the inter-synodal period 2018-2022, up to \$2,000 per year (a total of \$8,000) be available through the Provincial budgeting process to support the work of the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation, under the oversight of the Provincial Elders' Conference, which shall bring a report of activities to the Synod of 2022.