

# Resolution

Subject: American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples Reconciliation Working Group  
From: Vision & Mission and Advocacy & Justice Committees

**WHEREAS**, the Moravian Church in North America has a rich and complex history with American Indians and Alaskan Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moravian Church, Southern Province has a working relationship with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation to partner in publishing *The Records of the Moravians Among The Cherokee* volumes of records; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moravian Church, Southern Province has a Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation Team that has been addressing past and present discrimination and reconciliation in our communities and church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Moravian Church, Southern Province is in full communion partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has created a working group to study and address past and present discrimination toward American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Moravian Church, Southern Province have a history of joint collaboration and shared mission; therefore be it

**RESOLVED, that** the 2022 Synod of the Moravian Church, Southern Province empowers the Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation Team to seek to create a collaborative working group with ecumenical partners, including the Moravian Church Northern Province and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it

**RESOLVED, that** the 2022 Synod of the Moravian Church, Southern Province request the Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation Team to join in study to discover and address past and present discrimination toward American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples and work towards reconciliation and report the findings to the 2026 Synod.