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**MEMORIAL TO  
THE LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD  
REGARDING  
THE SOCIAL STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY  
FROM THE HARRISBURG CONFERENCE  
AS EDITED BY THE MEMORIALS COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force for ELCA Studies in Sexuality has earnestly studied and struggled with these matters for eight years, and their work models and invites mutually respectful dialogue about sexuality throughout this church; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Social Statement powerfully proclaims this church's teachings on trust, love, and service to the neighbor as the proper foundation of sexuality, while honestly recognizing that there is no consensus regarding same-gender relationships or the rostered ministry of people in them; and

**WHEREAS**, the ELCA Church Council, at its March 2009 meeting, voted by an overwhelming margin to recommend to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Lower Susquehanna Synod, meeting in assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.

*The memorial from the Harrisburg Conference was divided into two memorials by the Memorials Committee because there are two distinct issues presented in the original memorial: to adopt the proposed Statement on Human Sexuality and to adopt the four parts of the Proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies. The original memorial from the Harrisburg Conference follows as documentation.*

**RECOMMENDATION ON MEMORIAL 1:**

**The Committee on Memorials presents MEMORIAL 1 to the Synod Assembly without recommendation.**

John B. Ferra, Jr., chair  
Thomas McKee, scribe  
May 5, 2009