

Resolution 1 – 2013 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
Resolution to Revise Structure of Clusters
Submitted by All Peoples Lutheran Church, Milwaukee

Whereas, Milwaukee has been identified as one of the most racially segregated cities in the nation; and

Whereas, Patterns of economic division in our region mirror our racial reality; and

Whereas, The gift of a geographically small synod allows for stronger connections; and

Whereas, There are strong partnerships that exist across geographic, racial, and economic boundaries throughout the synod; and

Whereas, Current clusters are only suggestive of geographic boundaries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That current clusters work to dissolve by Synod Assembly 2015; and

RESOLVED, That the Synod Council and staff, with the cluster deans, the Anti- Racism Committee and other synodical leaders move to reestablish non-geographic clusters; and

RESOLVED, That these new clusters intentionally reflect the diversity of our synod; and

RESOLVED, That synod bylaw S12.01.01 be amended to remove "provided, however, that the Synod Council shall ensure that the mission clusters remain primarily geographic in nature"; and

RESOLVED, That new clusters are recommended to the synod by March 5, 2014; and

RESOLVED, That the planners create a mechanism for feedback from the entire synod prior to and at Synod Assembly 2014; and

RESOLVED, That new clusters are adopted and affirmed at the 2015 Synod Assembly.