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.