

*At a meeting of the Ezekiel Lutheran Congregation Council, held on October 12, 2009, the council unanimously adopted the following declaration as a policy resolution:*

**Declaration Regarding Same Gendered Relationships and Rostered Ministry at Ezekiel Lutheran Church**

Ezekiel Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Ezekiel Lutheran Church, as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, understands that it has the right to call, or refuse to call, as a pastor or rostered lay leader any person who is on the roster of ordained ministers or lay rosters or any candidate approved for those rosters.

Ezekiel Lutheran Church, in accordance with the 2009 Churchwide Assembly which resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America "make provision in its policies to recognize the conviction of members who believe that this church should not call or roster people in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship,"\* declares that this congregation will not call a pastor or lay rostered leader who is or intends to be in such a same-gender relationship.

Ezekiel Lutheran Church declares that marriages, civil unions, or blessings of persons in same gender relationships will not be performed in this church building or authorized by this congregation.

Signed: Ruth Kuss, Ezekiel Congregation President  
October 12, 2009

\* *Quote is taken from 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Resolution 4, on the Recommendation of Ministry Policies which is a part of the resolution honoring differences of convictions within the ELCA.*