


At their June 28 meeting at the Lutheran Home at Tipton, the Synod Council adopted a resolution of appreciation for the ministry of the Reverend David Richard Strobel as bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and designated him *bishop emeritus* of the synod.



 The council also voted that, in addition to including the resolution in the minutes of the Synod Council, the resolution "be conveyed to the entire Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod through the synod's publications."

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS the Reverend David Richard Strobel has served faithfully as bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod from August 1, 1996, and will have completed two full terms in this office on July 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS his service as an ordained minister of the church has also included service to six congregations in Pennsylvania and Illinois; and

WHEREAS throughout his ministry, his wise teaching, insightful preaching, and perceptive leadership have guided and deepened the faith of countless people whose lives he has touched, and

WHEREAS he has served the wider church with distinction, using his gifts in service to the

Conference of Bishops, the churchwide structures, our seminaries, agencies and institutions, while at the same time being an effective leader to our synod, its congregations, and its leaders, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, on behalf of the pastors, associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers and congregations of the entire synod, express its heartfelt gratitude to David R. Strobel, our pastor and bishop, our respected partner, and our wise colleague, who, throughout his ministry has born witness to our Living Lord through his humility, his diligence, his caring, and his always articulate proclamation of the Gospel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these declarations of esteem be recorded in the permanent records of the minutes of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and a suitably prepared copy be furnished to Bishop David R. Strobel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, as a further expression of the synod's esteem for Bishop Strobel, he be designated **Bishop Emeritus** of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

