

Resolution of Thanks

Recognizing Advent Lutheran Church, Arlington

Northern Texas–Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA

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WHEREAS, we have gathered, worshipped, done the business of the church, received generous hospitality, and enjoyed fellowship together at Advent Lutheran Church, 3232 South Cooper Street, Arlington, Texas; and

WHEREAS, this Assembly has convened during the congregation's Golden Jubilee, marking fifty years of faithful ministry since its first worship service in February 1976, a milestone the congregation is celebrating throughout 2026 as a year of continued growth in faith, love, and service; and

WHEREAS, Advent Lutheran Church bears witness to the Gospel through its stated mission "*to live and love like Jesus*," welcoming all people and calling them into lives of discipleship and service; and

WHEREAS, the congregation's bilingual ministry through Misión Hispana/LatinX embodies the commitment to embrace and welcome racially and ethnically diverse populations, and contributes to the life of both the Metroplex West Conference and the Hispanic/Latino Conference of this synod; and

WHEREAS, this Assembly could only have happened because of the selfless work of many people who gave of their time, effort, and resources to bring the events together, including our many seminarian volunteers; and

WHEREAS, we wish to show our deepest gratitude for the labor, creativity, and resourcefulness of our hosts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we thank the people of Advent Lutheran Church, Arlington, its pastoral and lay leadership, the NT–NL Synod Staff, and all the volunteers, by asking all those who have served this Assembly as volunteers of any and every kind to stand now as we express our gratitude with applause. We give thanks for you! And be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Assembly extends its congratulations and prayers to Advent Lutheran Church on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee, with confidence that the God who has begun a good work in this congregation will continue to bring it to completion.

Adopted by the 2026 Synod Assembly

Arlington, Texas

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The Rev. Erik Gronberg, PhD.

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