

# Reference and Counsel – Motion 2.4

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**RELATING TO:** Deeming our congregations defunct

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### MOTION:

That the Eastern Synod in this coming triennial embrace what it means to be congregational neighbours to one another.

That the Eastern Synod, through the office of the Bishop and Ministry Area Deans proactively identify those congregations that may be on a trajectory that would render them unviable and engage those congregations in a process of renewal and revival in an effort to preempt the need for engaging in the process of declaring a congregation defunct.

### RATIONALE:

We recognize that our Bishop and Deans are in a position to encourage revival and renewal in ways that individual pastors and congregations may not be able to.

We recognize that congregations facing various crises that may threaten their viability may be overwhelmed in ways that make it difficult for them to see or realize their own potential for renewal.

It is our hope that every effort is made to achieve renewal and revival as together we live into our call to be the Church in Mission for Others!

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption