

Resolution for Pacifica Synod Council Action on March 12, 2011

Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the leadership of the Pacifica Synod that the Rev. David Kalke was ordained in another church body in 2010, namely in the Ecumenical Catholic Church (ECC) and an order of service for that ordination shows that the Rev. Kalke was ordained in January 2010 by Archbishop Mark Shirilau of the Ecumenical Catholic Church , and

Whereas, this action is not in compliance with the governing documents of the ELCA which clearly state that dual membership is not permissible for those on the roster of the ELCA as stated as follows, and

Whereas, the ELCA Constitution 8.72.15.d., states, *“Roster status in more than one church body is precluded in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As required by ELCA churchwide constitutional provision 7.22. and bylaw 7.31.11., ordained ministers on the roster of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America must accept and adhere to this church’s Confession of Faith, as well as abide by this church’s standards and policies for ordained ministers.”* and

Whereas, the Roster Manual for Ordained Ministers of the ELCA states, *“In accordance with bylaw 8.72.15.d., an ordained minister of this church who enters the ordained ministry of another church body . . . shall cease to be a member of this church. The ordained minister's name shall be removed from the roster of ordained ministers by the bishop of the synod, who shall report the action to the secretary of this church and to the next Synod Assembly.”*

Therefore be it resolved, that the Rev. David Kalke be removed from the roster of the ELCA by Synod Council action, and that this decision be forwarded to the Secretary of the ELCA in a timely manner, and that Rev. Kalke's files be sent to the archives of the ELCA.