

**Supporting Refugees from Ukraine
(from Heartland Conference)**

WHEREAS, Russia has invaded Ukraine and continues to carry on an unjust war of death and destruction against the peoples of Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, this unjust war thrust upon the Ukrainian people by the leadership of Russia, has created a massive humanitarian problem for East Central Europe; and

WHEREAS, as Christians we are called to be generous in helping refugees and “not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” (Hebrews 13:16), therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Northeastern Minnesota Synod in its 2022 Synod Assembly enthusiastically encourages all congregations and members to be generous in providing financial assistance and support through ELCA partners for refugees, especially those from Ukraine, as well as others displaced by this war.

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