## "YMCA" song rewritten for Synod Assembly 2016 Synod Council Mission Moment

Synod, here we stand before you
We say, synod, our thanks outnumber a few
We say, synod, for the ways that you are
The members of Christ's living body

Synod, we are NEVER ALONE
We say, synod, 'cuz in Christ we are joined
And the Spirit has gathered us in this place
To remind us we all belong

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We know we're saved by grace,

Through faith we're running the race

On our foreheads a cross we trace

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Our difference spreads around globally

Synod, are you singing with us?
We say, synod, our voices joined in chorus.
We say, synod, we make disciples, baptize
In the name of the Three in One

We weren't meant to do it alone
We say, synod, our lives are never our own
We got each other, in the ELCA—
Congregation, synod, churchwide

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(Music cut)
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(2:17 minutes long)