

Resolution in Support of the Social Statement on Justice for Women

Whereas, we are all created in the image of God, and are therefore deserving of equality and equity in church and society; and

Whereas, God has made us one in Christ as Christian people and, as a public church, we of the ELCA teach that we are called to address significant social issues that affect the common good and seek to bring God's justice to all; and

Whereas, sexism continues to exist in many forms throughout society and brings harm to all; and

Whereas, even within this church, sexism continues to exist in many forms as evidenced by the gender inequity in leadership roles and access to call for women who are rostered; and

Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at its 2009 Churchwide Assembly voted to "develop a social statement on the topic of justice for women in church and society" [CA09.06.31]; and

Whereas, listening events, studies, and forums have allowed the ELCA to participate and engage in the social statement development process with meaningful dialogue; and

Whereas, hearings on the draft version of the social statement have been held throughout the ELCA and around the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS); and

Whereas, after review by the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council, the proposed statement will be considered for adoption by the 2019 Churchwide assembly; *therefore be it*

Resolved, that the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod communicates with MAS congregations, urging them to pray, advocate, and work for justice for all who are affected by sexism and patriarchy.

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