

Report on 2021 Resolutions

RC2021-01 Resolution concerning the situation in Ethiopia

This resolution required that the Office of the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod contact representatives of the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia regarding the detention, incarceration, and human rights violations of Oromo people within Ethiopia. Contact with LWF and WCC offices were made; ELCA counsel suggested that it would be more appropriate for other offices of the ELCA be in touch with the Prime Minister.

RC2021-02 Memorial concerning the situation in Ethiopia

This memorial was forwarded to the ELCA Churchwide Office. It called on the Presiding Bishop to call upon the Ethiopian Evangelical Churches Council and other faith groups within Ethiopia to act to peacefully resolve the violent situation within the country (including the release of political prisoners), and for the Presiding Bishop to communicate this concern to the Lutheran World Federation President and the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

RC2021-03 Resolution opposing the Line 3 pipeline

This resolution called on the synod to affirm Bishop Ann Svennungsen's statement on the construction of Line 3 by virtue of congregations familiarizing members about the situation.

RC2021-04 Resolution concerning the banning of nuclear weapons

This resolution called on the Office of the Bishop to inform members of Congress representing areas that included synod congregations, encouraging them to take a leadership role in banning nuclear weapons. Letters were sent to the five Members of Congress and two U.S. Senators informing them of this encouragement.

RC2021-05 Memorial concerning the banning of nuclear weapons

This memorial called on the Presiding Bishop to communicate to the ELCA's Advocacy Office and United Nations staff about encouragement for offering leadership in the banning of nuclear weapons, as well as to encourage ELCA institutions to divest of investments in companies that produce nuclear weapons. The memorial was appropriately forwarded to ELCA Churchwide.

RC2021-06 Resolution addressing conflict-free metals and genocide in the Democratic Republic of Congo

This resolution called upon the synod office to purchase conflict-free minerals from transparent supply operations using the "Enough Project" rankings of corporations. After investigation, it was discovered that the Enough Project had not produced rankings for about seven years, and so no new hardware was covered. The author of this resolution agreed to do further research about ways to discern how to make computer purchases in ways that did not encourage disruptions for the people of the DRC.

RC2021-07 Memorial addressing conflict-free metals and genocide in the Democratic Republic of Congo

This memorial called upon the Churchwide Office to use the “Enough Project” rankings to discern the purchase of new electronics for the institution. The memorial was appropriately forwarded to ELCA Churchwide. As follow up, the Churchwide Office was informed about the cessation of new rankings by the “Enough Project.”

RC2021-08 Resolution revising the FY 2021 synod budget

This resolution adjusted the 2021 budget to reflect anticipated changes in mission support to the synod, and thus the synod’s mission support to its partners, including the ELCA. The synod treasurer amended the budget as voted on by the 2021 Synod Assembly.

RC2021-09 Resolution proposing FY2022 synod budget

This resolution proposed a synodical budget for 2022, which will be adjusted during the 2022 Synod Assembly. The synod’s finance committee and treasurer used this budget resolution to plan for 2022 and 2023.