

Summaries of 2021 Minneapolis Area Synod resolutions and memorial

RC2021-01 Resolution concerning the situation in Ethiopia

Citing decades of political persecution, suffering, and killing of Oromo people, including members of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus, by successive Ethiopian government regimes, the resolution calls upon the Office of the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod to contact the Office of the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to request ELCA representatives contact representatives of the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, and the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia to seek resolution to the violence and human rights violations of Oromo people.

RC2021-02 Memorial concerning the situation in Ethiopia

Citing decades of political persecution, suffering, and killing of Oromo people, including members of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus, by successive Ethiopian government regimes, the memorial calls upon the Office of the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod to contact the Office of the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to request ELCA representatives contact representatives of the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, and the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia to seek resolution to the violence and human rights violations of Oromo people and to release political prisoners as part of a healing reconciliation between all Ethiopians.

RC2021-03 A resolution opposing the “Line 3” pipeline

This resolution draws from the ELCA’s 1993 Social Statement “Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice” and actions and teaching from our neighbors, the Anishinaabe Water Protectors, this resolution supports Bishop Svennungsen’s statement against construction of the Line 3 pipeline across Alberta, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; urges the MAS Bishop to deliver her statement to the Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and the ELCA Advocacy offices to make this opposition known to federal leaders; and asks Minneapolis Area Synod congregations to become more educated about these Line 3 concerns.

RC2021-04 A resolution concerning the banning of nuclear weapons

Citing ELCA social teaching statements and increasing global dangers and harm from the possession and use of nuclear weapons, this resolution asks that the Office of the Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod communicate to our members of the U.S. House and Senate the request for them to take a leadership role in efforts to bring together the nine nuclear nations to work toward the total elimination of nuclear weapons as stipulated in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

RC2021-05 A memorial concerning the banning of nuclear weapons

The Minneapolis Area Synod is here asked to memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly to engage the ELCA United Nations and Advocacy offices to take a leadership role in current opportunities to bring together the nine nuclear nations to work toward the implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It further resolves the the Office of the Presiding Bishop communicate to the appropriate Federal officials, the intent of the ELCA United Nations and Advocacy offices to take such a leadership role. It would further memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly to urge Portico Benefits, the ELCA Foundation, and other ELCA-related entities to divest from companies involved in producing nuclear weapons if they do not stop making the weaponry.

RC2021-06 Resolution addressing conflict-free metals and computer purchases

Citing the facts surrounding genocide around the mining of tantalum used in the making of computers, this resolution asks the Minneapolis Area Synod to resource conflict-free materials when purchasing any new computer equipment, support companies to do the same, and urge all congregations of the Minneapolis Area Synod to consider the same. This resolution points to the Enough Project Conflict Minerals Company Rankings for everyone to learn more.

RC2021-07 Memorial addressing conflict free-metals and computer purchases

Citing the facts surrounding genocide around the mining of tantalum used in the making of computers, this memorial asks the Minneapolis Area Synod to mandate Churchwide Offices to resource conflict-free materials when purchasing any new computer equipment, and to make this information public. This memorial points to the Enough Project Conflict Minerals Company Rankings for everyone to learn more.