

1 **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 2016 Assembly, Resolution # 1**

2 **Establishment of an annual Lutheran Social Services**
3 **of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Sunday**

4 Whereas the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
5 Chapter Four, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, states that, "to participate in
6 God's mission, this church shall...establish, support, and recognize
7 institutions and agencies that minister to people in spiritual and
8 temporal needs" (C4.03.m); and

9 Whereas Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS) traces
10 its origin to 1882, when Pastor E. J. Homme opened a home for
11 orphaned children in Wittenberg, Wisconsin; and

12 Whereas LSS currently operates over 260 programs in 115 communities
13 throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan; and

14 Whereas in the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, LSS offers several programs,
15 including refugee resettlement, counseling offices, housing services,
16 children's long-term waiver support, adult day program for adults with
17 disabilities, day drop-in center for individuals with mental illness (Off The
18 Square Club in Madison), foster care, adoption and pregnancy
19 services, runaway and homeless youth (RAYS), youth residential
20 treatment (Beaver Dam); and

21 Whereas the partnership between congregations of this synod and LSS, as
22 exhibited through prayer, volunteers, in-kind donations of space and
23 resources, and financial support, is invaluable in meeting the needs of
24 the over 100,000 people impacted by LSS each year; therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED** **by the South Central Synod of Wisconsin that congregations of this**
26 **synod are encouraged to observe an annual Lutheran Social Services**
27 **Sunday where this ministry of the church is remembered in prayer,**
28 **information on the breadth and scope of services shared, and an**
29 **opportunity for financial support made available.**

30 *Submitted to Synod Council by Partner Organizations: Lutheran Social Services of*
31 *Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. and LSS Foundation.*

32 *On February 27, 2016 Synod Council recommended resolution be presented to*
33 *assembly.*

1 **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 2016 Assembly, Resolution #2**

2 **U.S. Aid to State of Israel as a Tool for Peace**

3 Whereas the continued occupation of the Palestinian Territories by the State of
4 Israel, the ongoing building of Israeli settlements in the Palestinian
5 Territories, and other activities associated with this occupation and
6 settlement deny the fundamental human rights of Palestinians, hamper
7 efforts to create a just and lasting peace, jeopardize a two-state
8 solution and violate international law as set forth in the United Nations
9 Charter, the Fourth Geneva Convention and the International
10 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; and

11 Whereas the 2005 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
12 America adopted "Peace Not Walls: Stand for Justice in the Holy
13 Land," a strategy that advocates for equal human dignity and rights for
14 all people in the Holy Land, an end to Israeli settlement building and
15 the occupation of Palestinian land, and a viable two-state solution; and

16 Whereas Palestinian Christians, in the 2009 Statement "Kairos Palestine,"
17 supported by leaders of thirteen churches in the Holy Land, including
18 Catholic, Orthodox and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and
19 the Holy Land called on churches of the world to "stand alongside the
20 oppressed" and work to end "the sin of occupation imposed upon us;"
21 and,

22 Whereas the Foreign Assistance Act requires that a country receiving U.S.
23 financial aid not engage in consistent violation of human rights of
24 people under its governance and the Arms Export Control Act requires
25 that a country receiving U.S. military arms not use weapons for
26 oppression of another people; therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Assembly ask the**
28 **bishop of this synod to urge the members of Wisconsin's Congressional**
29 **delegation who serve citizens living in our synod to make U.S. financial**
30 **and military aid for the State of Israel conditional on the halting of**
31 **settlement building and the halting of the expansion of existing**
32 **settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and to follow the**
33 **directives of the Foreign Assistance Act and the Arms Export Control**
34 **Act, which require that a country receiving U.S. financial aid and**
35 **military arms not engage in human-rights violations of another people;**
36 **and be it further**

37 **RESOLVED** that South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Assembly, seeking a just
38 peace for Israel and Palestine, encourage this synod's congregations
39 and members to pray for Israelis and Palestinians, to learn about the
40 current situation in the Holy Land, to read the "Kairos Palestine"
41 document, and to advocate the aforementioned conditions on U.S. aid
42 to Israel to their Congressional representatives.

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45 *Ann Leon, Rev. Larry Pinnow, Rev. Blake Rohrer, Rev. Susan Schneider,*
46 *Rev. Emily Tveite, Rev. Nick Utphalll, Yvonne Smith, Joyce Anderson,*
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49 *Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption.*

1 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 2016 Assembly, Resolution #3

2 Memorial to the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Regarding
3 U.S. Aid to the State of Israel

4 **RESOLVED** that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Assembly memorialize
5 the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
6 America to ask the United States Congress to follow the directives of the
7 *Foreign Assistance Act* and the *Arms Export Control Act*, which require
8 that a country receiving U.S. financial aid and military arms not engage
9 in human-rights violations of another people and to urge congressional
10 action requiring that, to continue receiving U.S. financial and military
11 aid, Israel must stop settlement building and the expansion of existing
12 settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

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19 *Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption.*

1 **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 2016 Assembly, Resolution #4**

2 **Justice for the Holy Land through Responsible Investment**

3 Whereas the continued occupation of the Palestinian Territories by the State of
4 Israel, the ongoing building of Israeli settlements in the Palestinian
5 Territories, and other activities associated with this occupation and
6 settlement deny the fundamental human rights of Palestinians, and
7 violate international law as set forth in the United Nations Charter, the
8 Fourth Geneva Convention and the International Covenant on Civil
9 and Political Rights; and

10 Whereas the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's "Peace Not Walls: Stand
11 for Justice in the Holy Land," strategy advocates for human rights for all
12 people in the Holy Land and an end to Israeli settlement building and
13 the occupation of Palestinian land; and

14 Whereas Palestinian Christians, in "Kairos Palestine," called on churches of the
15 world to "stand alongside the oppressed" and work to end "the sin of
16 occupation imposed upon us;" and

17 Whereas multiple sources, including the American Friends Service Committee's
18 investment screening database, confirm that certain multinational
19 corporations, including Caterpillar, HP Inc., Hewlett Packard Enterprise,
20 Motorola Solutions, and G4S have been complicit in the occupation
21 and its associated human rights abuses; and

22 Whereas three of the ELCA's full communion partners - the Presbyterian Church
23 USA, the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church -
24 have each voted within the past two years to divest funds from these
25 and other companies and banks that profit from or are complicit in
26 human rights violations arising from the occupation; therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED** that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Assembly request that
28 the Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit of the Evangelical
29 Lutheran Church in America direct the Corporate Social Responsibility
30 Team to develop guidelines that will screen out investments in
31 companies profiting from, or complicit in, human rights violations arising
32 from the occupation, , and provide a report with possible
33 recommendations to the November 2016 meeting of the ELCA Church
34 Council, and forward the guidelines to the separately incorporated
35 ministries, agencies, and institutions of the ELCA for implementation as
36 appropriate; and be it further

37 **RESOLVED** that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Assembly encourage its
38 members and congregations to learn about their own investments and
39 to intentionally invest in ways that are consistent with their faith and
40 goals, including examining divestment from companies profiting from,
41 or complicit in, human rights violations arising from the occupation,
42 such as Caterpillar, HP Inc., Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Motorola
43 Solutions, and G4S, until such time as those companies no longer profit
44 from the occupation or cease operations in the illegal settlements.

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51 *Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption.*

1 **South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, 2016 Assembly, Resolution #5**

2 **Establishment of a Synod-wide Observance**
3 **in Support of Lutheran Campus Ministries**

4 Whereas the ministries of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin include three
5 Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) sites (UW-Madison, UW-Whitewater,
6 UW-Platteville) within its borders; and

7 Whereas the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin welcomes and encourages
8 participation from its members under the age of 30 at synod events;
9 and,

10 Whereas the LCM sites serve as places of worship and spaces of respite during
11 anxious times for young adults exploring how to live faithfully; and,

12 Whereas LCM sites are places of contact between the church and young adults
13 where they may explore vocation with guidance from peers and
14 campus ministers; and,

15 Whereas LCM serves hundreds of young adults each week with opportunities of
16 worship, fellowship as they share a meal, and engaging activities as
17 they build lifelong relationships; and,

18 Whereas the Synod Campus Ministry Oversight Team is charged with promoting
19 LCM within the synod; therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED** **that Sunday, September 25, 2016 be designated Lutheran *Campus***
21 ***Ministry Sunday* within the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin; and be it**
22 **further**

23 **RESOLVED** **that on *Lutheran Campus Ministry Sunday*, congregations are**
24 **encouraged to receive a special offering to be forwarded to the synod**
25 **in support of LCM in the synod; and be it further**

26 **RESOLVED** **that congregations are encouraged on that day to offer special**
27 **prayers, to lift up LCM during worship, to share information about LCM,**
28 **and to encourage their young adults to engage in LCM wherever they**
29 **attend college or university; and be it further**

30 **RESOLVED** **that congregations are encouraged to become a partner congregation**
31 **with the LCM site closest to them, working with the campus minister to**
32 **increase awareness of campus ministries, and to include LCM in their**
33 **annual budgets.**

34 *Submitted by Rev. Michael Short, Carolyn Butts, Rev. Katya Ouchakof, Krista Nelson,*
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36 *Reference and Counsel Committee recommends adoption*