



Resolutions Adopted by the
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA
Synod Assembly – May 2019

Resolution #1 Memorial on Proposed ELCA Social Statement, Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action

Resolved that the 2019 South-Central Wisconsin Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA Assembly memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the recommended proposed social statement Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action; and be it further **Resolved** that congregations of the South-Central Wisconsin Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA be encouraged to pray, advocate, and work for justice for all who are affected by sexism and patriarchy.

SA19.05.03 Adoption of Resolution
VOTED to adopt resolution #1.

ADOPTED

Resolution #2 – Diakonia

Resolved that every congregation of the South-Central Synod be encouraged to support the South-Central Synod diakonia™ program by the following actions:

- a. Making congregational members aware of the benefits of diakonia™ through bulletin announcements, Web site links, and newsletters,
- b. Supporting members who may be seeking to learn more about their faith,
- c. Hosting South Central Synod diakonia™ graduates for temple talks and/or presentations to congregational groups,
- d. Providing financial support for members to participate in diakonia™,
- e. Encouraging congregational leaders to participate in diakonia™

Resolved All voting members of this Synod Assembly covenant together to support lay education through their prayers and actions, and This synod celebrates and continue to support and strengthen graduates in recognition of the faith that they have exhibited in and through their dedication to the study of God's Word and their willingness to serve God.

SA19.05.04 Adoption of Resolution
VOTED to adopt resolution #2 - Diakonia.

ADOPTED

Resolution #3 – Memorial on Carbon Free & Dividend

Resolved that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin memorialize the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to join our efforts to continue learning about, supporting, and advocating for a national strategy of Carbon Fee & Dividend.

SA19.05.05 Adoption of Resolution
VOTED to adopt resolution #3 – Memorial on Carbon Free & Dividend. **ADOPTED**



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Resolution #4 – Faith and Society Forums for the 21st Century

Resolved that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin will hold one or more forums in each of several set regional locations of the synod over the course of the next three years (May 2019-April 2022), in order to present, listen, and dialogue on social justice issues identified by the Churchwide organization and/or of concern within our local contexts; and be it further

Resolved that said forums will cover the social situation presented through theological reflection for the sake of the Gospel in the 21st century.

SA19.05.06 Adoption of Resolution

VOTED to adopt resolution #4 – Faith and Society Forums for the 21st century.

ADOPTED

Resolution #5 – Supporting Refugee Children

Resolved, that the 2019 assembly of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin condemns the separation of migrant children from their families; and be it further

Resolved, that this lament and condemnation be communicated to the congressional delegation representing the area of this synod as an expectation of better work for justice and wellbeing on behalf of vulnerable children; and be it finally

Resolved, that this assembly encourages congregations and members of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to engage in the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy of advocacy, accompaniment, and awareness building and becoming welcoming congregations by using the resources at www.ELCA.org/ammparo.

SA19.05.07 Adoption of Resolution

VOTED to adopt resolution #5 – Supporting Refugee Children. **ADOPTED**

Resolution #6 – No way to treat a child: Protecting the human rights of Palestinian children

Resolved, that the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly memorialize the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to urge this church's members, congregations, synods, agencies and presiding bishop to call on their U.S. Representatives, Senators, the U.S. President and the U.S. Department of State to: urge the State of Israel to comply with the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, particularly in regard to Palestinian children, by guaranteeing basic due process and juvenile justice rights and by ensuring the prohibition of torture and abuse; and to fully implement and enforce the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act by monitoring Israeli military actions for human rights violations, especially in regard to Palestinian children, and by enacting into law a requirement that the Secretary of State certify that United States foreign aid does not support human rights violations, including military detention, abuse or other treatment of Palestinian children that violates international human rights standards.

SA19.05.09 Adoption of Resolution

VOTED to adopt resolution #6 – No way to treat a child: protecting the human rights of Palestinian children. **ADOPTED**



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Resolution #7 – Immigration reform and refugee task team

Resolved that the 2019 Synod Assembly of the South-Central Synod –ELCA affirms principles for comprehensive immigration reform articulated by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services <https://www.lirs.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/LIRS-Principles-for-Comprehensive-Immigration-Reform.pdf>. Provide an earned pathway to lawful permanent residency and eventual citizenship for undocumented immigrants and their families; Ensure the humane and just enforcement of U.S. immigration laws, specifically by reducing the use of immigration detention and expanding the use of community support programs for immigrants who do not need to be detained; Protect families from separation and ensure an adequate supply of visas for families seeking to reunite; Provide adequate resources and protections to ensure the successful integration of refugees, asylees, survivors of torture and trafficking, unaccompanied minors, and other vulnerable migrants; and be it further

Resolved the 2019 Assembly of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA call on all member congregations to

- 1) Provide opportunities for their members to learn about the issues and needs for comprehensive immigration reform (many resources are available at <https://www.lirs.org/refugee-sunday/>) and
- 2) Encourage their members to contact elected representatives, especially at in-person listening sessions but also through letters, phone calls, and social media, to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform based on the principles of LIRS, and
- 3) Encourage their members to welcome newcomers to their communities and to help them find their new home in our society. And be it further

Resolved that the south-Central synod of Wisconsin synod council will form an immigration reform and refugee task team under the leadership of synod staff, a task team chairperson, and interested task team members in order to

- 1) Make use of the guiding documents of the ELCA on immigration to develop strategies for synod ministry with immigrants and refugees, and
- 2) When appropriate, partner with LSS of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan to aid refugee support services in ways that provide a gracious welcome and ongoing support for refugees, and
- 3) Encourage and assist congregations to access educational and advocacy resources to help respond to the need for immigration reform and increased refugee admissions.

SA19.05.10 Adoption of Resolution

VOTED to adopt resolution #7 – Immigration reform and refugee task team, with amendments.

ADOPTED