

# THE AIDS CRISIS

Social Policy Resolution  
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## Adopted by the 1991 Churchwide Assembly.

### Resolved

To express deep appreciation for the work being done by individuals, by this church's agencies and institutions, by congregations, by synods and by the churchwide organization to address the AIDS epidemic;

To call on the church to increase its efforts to provide a compassionate response to persons affected by AIDS, to educate our members about AIDS, and to advocate for justice in church and in society for persons with AIDS;

To encourage all congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to articulate clearly their welcome to persons affected by AIDS and their support for them and their families and friends;

To affirm that this church does not discriminate against persons who carry the AIDS virus in its calling or employment practices;

To call on all expressions, agencies, and institutions of this church to implement this commitment to non-discrimination on the basis of HIV antibody status; and

To refer the request of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod that congregations observe an AIDS Awareness Sunday each year to the Commission for Communication [now Department for Communication], as that unit, in consultation with other units, develops the annual ELCA Calendar of Emphases.