



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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To: Bishops of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Vice presidents of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Secretaries of synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Members of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Administrative team of the churchwide organization
Chief executive officers of separately incorporated ministries
Seminary leaders

FROM: Deacon Sue E. Rothmeyer, secretary

SUBJECT: Report of Church Council Responses to Synod Council Resolutions (Mar. 6–8, 2020)

I. RESPONSE TO SYNOD COUNCIL

A. MESSAGE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Southwestern Minnesota Synod (3F)

Resolution from the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council (SC20.01.15)

As a church, we are called to care for creation. Climate change should move up higher in priority. A message doesn't create policy, but does provide for teaching. It is cheaper and has faster turn-around time than a social statement.

RESOLVED, encourage the ELCA Church Council to use resources to create a message on climate change.

Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council (SC20.01.15): "Approved resolution to encourage ELCA Church Council in creation of message on climate change."

Executive Committee of the Church Council Action:

To receive the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Council resolution regarding a social message on climate change;

To refer the resolution to the Office of the Presiding Bishop, in consultation with the Domestic Mission unit, for a report or for a timeline on when this resolution will receive further action; and

To request that the secretary of this church inform the synod of this action.
