

# CREATIVE USE OF LEISURE

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **A Statement of the United Lutheran Church in America, 1934**

*The Convention resolved:*

That to deal constructively with the modern problem of increased leisure, we call upon our clergymen, and other leaders, particularly in the field of religious education, to create and promote the best possible parish and home programs for the worthy use of leisure; and thus positively contribute to the development of the richest attainable life experience for our people.

That, in view of the power of leisure, either for good or for evil, in the development of character, and of the impossibility of the wire-generate heart's discriminating between spiritually and morally healthful and unhealthful uses of leisure, we challenge our pastors and people to redouble their efforts to touch the heart of every individual within reach with the message of the Gospel that, by the power of the Spirit, the will-to-righteousness may become a trait of his character, assuring the Christian use of all his time, whether in leisure hours, or in hours of stated employment.