

ELCA ENGAGEMENT IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adopted by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly.

Resolved

RESOLVED, that, acting in accord with previous ELCA policy actions, members, congregations, synods, the churchwide organization, and church-related agencies and institutions are urged to participate in the churchwide campaign for peace — Peace Not Walls: Stand for Justice in the Holy Land — by engaging in awareness-building, accompaniment, and advocacy activities, including:

1. praying for peace with justice between Israel and Palestine and for the continuing witness of the Christian church — including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land — in the region;
2. building relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, the ministries of the Lutheran World Federation, and other ecumenical and interfaith companions engaged in the pursuit of peace in the Holy Land;
3. continuing to build bridges to other Christian brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East, including Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, and Egypt, and advocating for human rights when those rights are threatened;
4. learning about the situation in the Holy Land, sharing information, and building networks;
5. intensifying advocacy for a just peace in the region, building upon Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and predecessor body policies, and engaging with the public media in this effort;
6. steward financial resources — both U.S. tax dollars and private funds — in ways that support the quest for a just peace in the Holy Land; and
7. giving generously to help ensure the continuation of the schools and other ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the humanitarian work of the Lutheran World Federation through Augusta Victoria Hospital and other ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, that individual congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are encouraged to become part of a chain of action to link the 2005 Churchwide Assembly with the 2006 synodical assemblies through congregational use of communion ware made in Bethlehem, thereby expressing in worship, prayer, giving, and advocacy this church's solidarity with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.