

# IMMIGRATION

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

## **Adopted by the 1999 Churchwide Assembly.**

### **Resolved**

To decline to initiate a process that would lead to a policy change for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in relation to employment-based immigration, but instead to reaffirm this church's present immigration policy, as summarized in the 1998 ELCA "Message on Immigration";

To commend Lutheran agencies, social ministry organizations, congregations, and individuals who have advocated for just immigration policies and served recent immigrants and refugees; and

To encourage the promotion of justice and economic and social development for people of all nations to stem potential "brain drain."