

# LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, AND ZIMBABWE

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## Adopted by the 2002 Church Council.

### Resolved

To express on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America a renewed concern and commitment to prayer for sisters and brothers in Christ in the Lutheran Church in Liberia, the Malagasy Lutheran Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe as part of this church's participation in the "Stand with Africa" campaign and its goal of peacemaking;

To encourage those synods of the ELCA that have established companion-synod relationships with these churches to nurture those connections anew at this time of particular difficulties;

To invite members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to communicate to their elected representatives the urgent need for the U.S. government to give attention to the constructive role that the U.S. may undertake with other nations and through the United Nations to foster peace and seek reconciliation in the nations of Liberia, Madagascar, and Zimbabwe;

To urge the international community, through the appropriate units of this church and the relief and development partners of this church, particularly Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Federation, to increase their advocacy for and assistance to those displaced people in various countries in Africa and meet the humanitarian needs of all those who have become refugees through civil strife and warfare;

To inform the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America about the social and political turmoil in Liberia, Madagascar, and Zimbabwe; to call upon them to hold the members and churches in these and the other affected countries of Africa in their prayers for peace; and to reach out to persons from these countries who are members of our congregations and communities; and

To request the secretary of this church to convey this action to the appropriate staff and agencies.