

RACIAL HATE CRIMES

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adopted by the 2001 Churchwide Assembly.

Resolved

To join the Alaska Synod in its forthright opposition to all forms of racial bigotry and racial hate crimes;

To call upon all members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to commit themselves anew to the values and goals articulated in this church's social policy through the 1993 Social Statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture," and the 1994 "Message on Community Violence";

To underscore the declaration in the 1993 Social Statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" that:

This church will support legislation, ordinances, and resolutions that guarantee to all persons equally:

- civil rights, including full protection of the law and redress under the law of discriminatory practices; and to all citizens, the right to vote;
- access to quality education, health care, and nutrition;
- opportunity for employment with fair compensation, and possibilities for job training and education,
- apprenticeship, promotion, and union membership;
- opportunity for business ownership;
- access to legal, banking, and insurance services;
- the right to rent, buy, and occupy housing in any place; and access to public transportation and accommodation; and

To encourage all congregations, synods, and institutions of this church to engage in anti-racism training.