

Roe V. Wade's Overturn and Pastoral Care

Social Policy Resolution CA22.03.16



Approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

RESOLVED:

To receive with gratitude the memorial on “A Change in Roe v. Wade and Its Effect Upon Pastoral Counseling” from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and to affirm the intent of the memorial;

To encourage support and prayer for all people affected by the overturning of Roe v. Wade, especially the most vulnerable;

To encourage bishops to amplify support for rostered ministers and lay staff of our congregations and affiliated social ministry organizations;

To encourage synod and congregational conversation around this church’s teachings on abortion, gender justice, and related topics; and

To encourage synods of the ELCA to review the impact that the overturning of Roe v. Wade and any legislation and/or judicial rulings of their state(s), commonwealth(s), or territory (or territories) of the United States may have upon pastoral counseling, the pastor-client relationship, and the rostered ministers and social ministry agencies and organizations of the ELCA.