

Adopted by ELCA Church Council November 2024

RESOLVED:

To receive with gratitude the request of the Upstate New York Synod to reaffirm the ELCA's support of the Jubilee USA Network;

To reaffirm this church's commitment to advocating for the "reduction of overwhelming international debt burdens in ways that do not impose further deprivations on the poor, and cancellation of some or all debt where severe indebtedness immobilizes a country's economy";¹

To reaffirm this church's support of and collaboration with Jubilee USA Network;

To commend staff of the ELCA's Witness in Society team for carrying forward the commitments of the ELCA's social teachings on international debt through ongoing collaboration with Jubilee USA Network;

To recognize the faithful work of congregations as advocates and supporters of economic justice through debt relief;

To encourage the churchwide organization of the ELCA to collaboratively draw attention to this commitment through publication of news releases or stories of Jubilee USA Network's success in reduction, cancellation or restructuring of international debt;

To encourage ELCA-related colleges, universities, and seminaries to continue and increase education on the impact of international debt on development, poverty, and human rights;
and

To call upon the churchwide organization, synods, congregations, and other worshiping communities to hold indebted countries in prayer.

¹ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, *Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All* (Chicago: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 7.