

Women and Justice Statement Memorial for the May 10-12, 2019 Synod Assembly

Resolution #2 - Support for Women and Justice **Proposed Social Statement**

Whereas, we are all created in the image of God, and are therefore deserving of equality and equity in church and society; and

Whereas, God has made us One in Christ as Christian people, and as a public church we of the ELCA teach that we are called to address significant social issues that affect the common good and seek to bring God's justice to all; and

Whereas, sexism continues to exist in many forms throughout society and brings harm to all; and

Whereas, sexism continues to exist in many forms even within this church as evidenced by the gender inequity in leadership roles and access to call for women who are rostered; and

Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at its 2009 Churchwide Assembly voted to "develop a social statement on the topic of justice for women in church and society" [CA09.06.31]; and

Whereas, listening events, studies, and forums have allowed the whole church to participate and engage in the social statement development process with meaningful dialogue; and

Whereas, hearings on the draft version of the social statement have been held throughout the church body, including the 2018 Oregon Assembly; and

Whereas, after review by the Conference of Bishops and the Church Council, the proposed statement will be considered for adoption by the 2019 Churchwide assembly; therefore,

Be it Resolved that, the 2019 Oregon Synod Assembly memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the recommended proposed social statement *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action*; and be it further, and

Be it further Resolved that, congregations of the Oregon Synod be encouraged to pray, advocate, and work for justice for all who are affected by sexism and patriarchy.

Submitted by Pr. Laurie Jones, Sr. Clare Josef-Maier and the Council of Central Lutheran Church in Eugene, OR on behalf of the people of Central Lutheran Church.