

Resolution 08-03 Resolution on Immigration

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod in assembly calls its congregations to stand in faithfulness to the values of the Kingdom of God preached by Jesus in whose Spirit we are chosen to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19)

by compassionate hospitality and service to newcomers and a passionate concern and advocacy

for their well being; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod encourage its congregations to recommit themselves to being advocates and justice-seekers in regard to refugee and immigration issues and to advocate in favor of a comprehensive and just reform of our immigration law; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod invite its congregations to collaborate with Lutheran and ecumenical programs that seek to respond to the needs of immigrants and that the Synod support those programs developed by the congregations of the Synod that work for family unification and faithful hospitality towards migrants and newcomers regardless of country of origin and legal status; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod urge its congregations to pray and provide pastoral spiritual support and material support when needed, to the immigrant families that approach the church in search of assistance; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod, through its Witness and Service Discipling Team, give leadership in involving congregations in refugee and immigration justice issues, including education, advocacy and local service.

Resolution 2010-02 on Energy Stewardship

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod authorizes the establishment of a Sierra Pacific Green Team (under the auspices of the Witness and Service Discipling Team) to encourage the faithful stewardship of energy by this Synod, its congregations, administrative offices, and individual members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Green Team facilitate its congregations, administrative offices and outdoor ministries offering a public witness of energy stewardship by helping them understand and significantly improve the greenhouse gas emissions (i.e. "carbon footprint") of facilities they operate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this synod memorialize the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its 2011 Churchwide Assembly to challenge all expressions of the ELCA to significantly reduce their energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, and to share this commitment and those steps taken to achieve it in a public way in official publications and communication channels of this church..

Resolution 2012-2 In Support of the 'Remember Them' Monument (which resolved that the Assembly affirm the Synod Council decision to become an "affiliated organization" with the "Remember Them: Champions for Humanity" Project, and encourages congregations to visit and support this project)

Resolution 2012-3 In Support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign (which asks the congregations of the Synod to commit to the work of the this campaign)

Resolution 2012-5 Witnessing Against Capital Punishment (which asks the Assembly and congregations of the Synod to advocate for the replacement of the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole in the states of California and Nevada and that the same be memorialized to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly for the 32 states that have the death penalty)