

Sierra Pacific Synod: Resolution 2019-4
Regarding a Social Statement on Gender Identity and Gender Expression

1. WHEREAS the ELCA adopted "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" as a social teaching
2. statement of this church by a two-thirds vote at its 2009 Churchwide Assembly in
3. Minneapolis, Minnesota, and
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5. WHEREAS the ELCA intends to consider "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to
6. Action" as a social statement of this church at its upcoming 2019 Churchwide Assembly
7. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and
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9. WHEREAS the proposed draft of "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action"
10. acknowledges people who identify as Gender Non-conforming, Non-binary, Queer,
11. Genderqueer, Intersex, and Transgender, while the document "Human Sexuality: Gift and
12. Trust" does not, and
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14. WHEREAS neither "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" nor "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A
15. Lutheran Call to Action" addresses the complexities of human sexuality and human sexual
16. expression across the gender spectrum, and
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18. WHEREAS our society is undergoing a paradigm shift as regards its understanding of
19. biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, and
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21. WHEREAS members of our congregations and rostered ministers of our church – as well
22. as prospective members and prospective rostered ministers – identify across the gender
23. spectrum; therefore let it be
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25. RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of
26. the ELCA to commission a study leading to a social statement on gender identity, gender
27. expression and human sexuality; and be it further
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29. RESOLVED that this study should facilitate education among our members so as to build
30. awareness of the broad varieties of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual
31. orientation among God's people, as well as provide pastoral care insights regarding
32. concerns and issues of the transgender experience and gender non-conformity.
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34. *Sponsored by University Lutheran Chapel, Berkeley*
35. *Co-Sponsored by 15 Voting Members of the 2019 Synod Assembly*
36. *Vetted by the Resolutions Committee on April 30, 2019*