

## South Carolina Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

### RESOLUTION (New Business)

*Resolutions must be received by the Committee on Reference and Counsel no later than Friday, August 15, 2025 end of Business Session two (2). Please submit the form to*

*Resolutions shall have the name of the person/congregational unit submitting the form and four voting members representing different units of the SWO. Presentation, discussion and voting on resolutions will be done near the end of the convention during the business session on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Resolutions may only be submitted by registered voting members.*

*Please submit the form to: Sallie Folk at 422 W. Pine St Florence SC 29051(843)307-1417 Salstitcher823@yahoo.com*

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I (we) submit the following resolution related to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate topic)

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Signed by Chairman, Committee on Reference and Counsel

# Justice for our Neighbors

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the two great commandments of our faith are to love the Lord our God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:25-28, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18);

WHEREAS, Jesus himself instructs us to show our neighbor mercy (Luke 6:36, 10:29-37) and calls us especially to care for the marginalized and the "least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46), including the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the imprisoned, and the stranger;

WHEREAS, Jesus calls the poor and hungry blessed (Luke 6:20-21, Matthew 5:1-10) and likewise blesses the merciful and the peacemakers;

WHEREAS, we are called in our baptism "to serve all people, following the example of Jesus," and "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth" (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, pp 228, 236-237); and,

WHEREAS, the motives and integrity of our Lutheran serving arms, including not limited to Global Refuge, AMMPARO, and others have been called into question; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we as the <sup>sc</sup> [synod name] Women of the ELCA affirm our commitment to living out our baptismal vocation in daily life;

RESOLVED, that we likewise affirm our support for Global Refuge, AMMPARO, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all our serving arms that do the work of showing mercy and care and love to our siblings around the world;

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to speaking out against discrimination and prejudice;

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to standing up for the rights and dignity of all God's beloved children, especially for our siblings of color, our queer and transgender siblings, our migrant and refugee siblings, our hungry and homeless siblings, our siblings with disabilities, and all our siblings whose rights are being threatened;

RESOLVED, that we encourage all individuals and units of the [synod name] Women of the ELCA to engage in the ongoing work of serving and seeking justice and peace for our neighbor by supporting the work of our serving arms and praying for those serving arms and justice teams; and

RESOLVED, that we memorialized this resolution to the 2026 Triennial Convention encouraging each Synodical Women's Organization to pass just a resolution.