

Support of the ELCA's Sexuality Task Force Recommendations

1 **WHEREAS**, in Conference Assembly the South Minneapolis Conference of the Minneapolis  
2 Area Synod (MAS) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) concurred with the  
3 **Report and Recommendations of the Task Force for the ELCA Studies on Sexuality** (Task  
4 Force) that we of the ELCA, given differences that are deeply held and based in conscience, are  
5 called to find “ways to live together faithfully in the midst of our disagreements”; and  
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Recommendations of the Task Force would permit, in local situations and “as  
8 a pastoral response” without discipline, the blessing of same-gender relationships and rostered  
9 service to this church by persons living in same-gender partnered relationships; therefore be it  
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11 **RESOLVED**, that the Minneapolis Area Synod (MAS) Assembly memorialize the 2005  
12 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the three recommendations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
13 in America (ELCA) Task Force for Studies on Sexuality (Task Force); and be it further  
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15 **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force is strongly urged to continue moving forward to develop a  
16 more just and inclusive vision of church polity related to the full inclusion of gay and lesbian  
17 persons in the life of the ELCA, blessings of same sex unions, and the full inclusion of non-  
18 celibate gay and lesbian clergy.

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*The Reference and Counsel Committee (RCC) forwards this resolution without recommendation. RCC refrains from making a recommendation in order that the Assembly may, in its deliberations, properly focus on the substance of this resolution rather than on the actions of the RCC.*

▶ **SA04.16.05.0** Voted to adopt Resolution RC2005-4.  
Yes: 307  
No: 272  
Abstentions:16