

Memorial Requesting Educational Materials Reflecting the work of the ELCA’s Task Force for Studies on Human Sexuality

WHEREAS, the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality has earnestly studied and struggled with matters of human sexuality for eight years, and their work models and invites mutually respectful dialogue about sexuality throughout this church; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Social Statement powerfully proclaims this church’s teachings on trust, love, and service to the neighbor as the proper foundation of sexuality; and

WHEREAS, education “refers in a broad sense to learning, teaching, and knowing as a dimension of human life. It is a life-long activity that permeates all we do,” and “People create institutions and situations whose purposes are to encourage, transmit, and advance human learning to shape and equip future generations”¹; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA has made it a commitment that “children, youth and family ministries will welcome and educate all children and youth in ways that recognize their wonderful complexity and dignity”²; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Area Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the following as an implementing resolution of the Social Statement on Human Sexuality:

“To direct relevant churchwide units, in cooperation with congregations and recognized Lutheran organizations whose mission includes ministry by and on behalf of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, to develop congregational resources for age appropriate comprehensive sexuality education that upholds the values of this social statement.”

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¹ “Our Calling in Education,” adopted as amended by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, p. 15.
² “Our Calling in Education,” adopted as amended by the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, p. 21.