

# COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Social Policy Resolution  
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## Adopted by the 2001 Church Council.

### Resolved

To adopt [the text of] "Commercial Sexual Exploitation," as amended, as a message of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and

To direct the Division for Congregational Ministries, in cooperation with the Division for Church in Society, to prepare resource material:

1. To facilitate discussion among men and male youth that addresses the meaning of their baptismal calling for their sexuality, especially in relation to prostitution, pornography, and stripping; and
2. To educate women, girls, men, and boys about the pervasiveness of the commercial sex system, and equip them to resist exploitation by this system; and

To request that the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in cooperation with this church's corporate social responsibility program, review its investments in Social Purpose funds in light of the screen on pornography and to take appropriate action.

[This social policy resolution was archived by a majority vote \(773-13\) of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 29, 2025 \(CA22.01.05.\) As archived, this social policy resolution is maintained as a historical document and does not represent current ELCA social teaching.](#)