

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adopted by the 2001 Churchwide Assembly.

Resolved

To transmit the background material for this action to the Upstate New York Synod, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, and the Upper Susquehanna Synod as information;

To remember in prayer not only those individuals and families whose livelihood has been lost or severely damaged as a result of foot-and-mouth disease, but also those farmers, veterinarians, agricultural agency workers, and all others who seek to prevent further spread of this disease; and

To view the possible outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease as "an opportunity to network and to recommend consultants and other resources" and, therefore, if and when it becomes clear that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred, to plan a response in conversation with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran social ministry organizations, synods, regions, appropriate coalitional ministries, the ELCA director for rural ministry and networking, and the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs.

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