

# ORDINATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN PERSONS

Social Policy Resolution

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

### Resolved

To respond to the memorials of the Saint Paul Area and Metropolitan Chicago synods by requesting that the Church Council, the Conference of Bishops, and the Division for Ministry create a specific plan and timeline leading to a decision concerning the rostering of homosexual persons who give expression to sexual intimacy only in a relationship that is mutual, chaste, and faithful, including but not limited to:

1. Changes in "Vision and Expectations";
2. Changes in "Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline";
3. amendments to the ELCA constitution and bylaws; and
4. changes in all other related governing documents.

In the event any of the above mentioned changes require approval of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, such actions shall be placed before the 2005 Churchwide Assembly for adoption or ratification.

[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in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 29, 2025 \(CA22.01.05.\) As archived, this social policy resolution is maintained as a historical document and does not represent current ELCA social teaching.](#)