PEACE—NONVIOLENCE

Social Policy Resolution
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Adopted by the 1999 Churchwide Assembly.

Resolved
To affirm the commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to support a "Decade for a Culture of Nonviolence" (2001-2010) and a "Year of Education for Nonviolence" (2000);

To direct the Division for Church in Society to:

1. establish that an interunit team composed of representatives of the entities convened in January 1999, (e.g. Division for Church in Society, Division for Higher Education and Schools, Division for Congregational Ministries, Commission for Women, Division for Global Mission, Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Peace Fellowship);
2. convene the interunit team and provide leadership to its work;
3. organize and implement Commission for Women response to "A Decade for a Culture of Nonviolence" and a "Year of Education for Nonviolence" by drawing on the suggestions made in the April 1999 report to the Church Council;
4. bring a report to the April 2000 meeting of the Church Council; and

To transmit this action as information to the Northwest Washington, Pacifica, Southeastern Minnesota, Eastern North Dakota, Southwestern Minnesota, Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Iowa, Greater Milwaukee, La Crosse Area, Allegheny, Upper Susquehanna, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Southeastern, Southwestern Washington, Eastern Washington-Idaho, Oregon, Southern California (West), Grand Canyon, Central States, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Northeastern Iowa, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, New Jersey, Upstate New York, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and North Carolina synods.

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