

SEVERE DROUGHT

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

Adopted by the 1999 Churchwide Assembly.

Whereas

Whereas, severe drought afflicts many regions of our country, including Mid-Atlantic, Midwestern and Central Northwestern states; and

Whereas, the drought is causing dire economic, social, and mental health distress; and

Whereas, the drought is compounding pre-existing economic, social, and mental health distress in parts of Appalachia and rural America; therefore be it

Resolved

RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America allocate emergency relief funds from designated Domestic Disaster Relief monies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Lutheran Domestic Disaster Relief transmit official communications to all ELCA congregations that increase awareness and raise relief monies for continuing natural disaster needs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that LDR strengthen its current policies regarding drought disaster relief; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division for Church in Society provide a list of available economic, social, and mental health services by January 1, 2000, to all bishops serving in drought-afflicted areas; and

To refer to the Division for Church in Society and Division for Congregational Ministries, with encouragement to give strong consideration for response from Domestic Hunger funds and disaster funds as appropriate.

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