

U.S. NAVY OPERATIONS IN VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO

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 acknowledge the concerns of the Caribbean Synod regarding U.S. military operations in Vieques, Puerto Rico;

To re-affirm this church's commitment to human rights, national security, and concern for the environment as expressed in the social statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "For Peace in God's World," and "Caring for Creation"; and

To direct the Division for Church in Society through the Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, to encourage the U.S. government to seek reasonable solutions that will end all U.S. military operations on the island of Vieques and return the land to the people of the island while not compromising our nation's security.

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