A List of ELCA Social Teaching and Policy Documents

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More information available at www.elca.org/socialstatements

Social Statements (address social institutions, provide frameworks)

*The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective* [1991]

*Abortion* [1991]

*The Death Penalty* [1991]

*Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* [1993]

*Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture* [1993]

*For Peace in God’s World* [1995]

*Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All* [1999]

*Caring for Health: Our Shared Endeavor* [2003]

*Our Calling in Education* [2007]

*Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* [2009]

*Genetics, Faith and Responsibility* [2011]

*The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries* [2013]

*Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action* [2019] (Translation in process)

Social Messages (briefer, topically focus, dependent on statements)

“*AIDS/HIV*” [1988]

“*Israeli/Palestinian Conflict*” [1989]

“*Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment*” [1990]

“*End of Life Decisions*” [1992]

“*Community Violence*” [1994]

“*Sexuality: Some Common Convictions*” [1996]

“*Immigration*” [1998]

“*Suicide Prevention*” [1999]

“*Commercial Sexual Exploitation*” [2001]

“*Terrorism*” [2004]

“*People Living with Disabilities*” [2010]

“*The Body of Christ and Mental Illness*” [2012]

“*Gender-based Violence*” [2015]

“*Human Rights*” [2017]

150+ Social Policy Resolutions (policy specific)

Examples of two different kinds:

a) Adopted by Church Council (include theological and analytical background)

“*The Sponsorship of Legal Gaming by American Indian Tribes*” [2007]

“*Toward Compassionate, Just, and Wise Immigration Reform*” [2008]

b) Adopted by Churchwide Assembly (little background, very brief)

“*Rural Economic Crisis*” [1999]

“*Opposition to the War in Iraq*” [2005]