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As of September 2019

More information available at www.elca.org/socialstatements

Social Statements (address social institutions, provide frameworks)

<i>The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective</i> (1991)	
<i>Abortion</i> (1991)	Aborto
<i>The Death Penalty</i> (1991)	Pena de Muerta
<i>Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice</i> (1993)	Medio ambiente
<i>Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture</i> (1993)	Raza, Etnicidad y Cultura
<i>For Peace in God's World</i> (1995)	Por la paz
<i>Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All</i> (1999)	Vida Economica
<i>Caring for Health: Our Shared Endeavor</i> (2003)	Salud y asistencia sanitaria
<i>Our Calling in Education</i> (2007)	Educación
<i>Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust</i> (2009)	La sexualidad humana
<i>Genetics, Faith and Responsibility</i> (2011)	
<i>The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries</i> (2013)	La Iglesia y la justicia penal
<i>Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action</i> (2019)	(Translation in process)

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

"AIDS/HIV" (1988)	El SIDA
"Israeli/Palestinian Conflict" (1989)	
"Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment" (1990)	Gente sin Vivienda
"End of Life Decisions" (1992)	Final de la Vida
"Community Violence" (1994)	Violencia Comunidad
"Sexuality: Some Common Convictions" (1996)	La Sexualidad
"Immigration" (1998)	Inmigración
"Suicide Prevention" (1999)	Suicidio
"Commercial Sexual Exploitation" (2001)	Explotación Sexual
"Terrorism" (2004)	Terrorismo
"People Living with Disabilities" (2010)	Personas Discapacidades
"The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" (2012)	Las enfermedades mentales
"Gender-based Violence" (2015)	(Translation in process)
"Human Rights" (2017)	(Translation in process)

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)