

RESOLUTION #4-a - A memorial concerning the Human Sexuality Social Statement from the Eastern North Dakota Synod to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly

WHEREAS, the Task Force for ELCA Studies in Sexuality has earnestly studied and struggled with these matters for eight years, and their work models and invites mutually respectful dialogue about sexuality throughout this church; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Social Statement powerfully proclaims this church's teachings on trust, love, and service to the neighbor as the proper foundation of sexuality, while honestly recognizing that there is no consensus regarding same-gender relationships or the rostered ministry of people in them; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA Church Council, at its March 2009 meeting, voted by an overwhelming margin to recommend to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Eastern North Dakota Synod, meeting in Assembly, memorialize the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions, as recommended by the ELCA Church Council.

Submitted by the Eastern North Dakota Synod Hunger and Justice Committee

SA.09.05.13 Ron Ellingson moved a substitution, Resolution #4-a, second by Howard Barlow.
MOTION CARRIED For – 226; Against - 135