

## Resolutions and Constitutional Changes

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**Memorial for the 2016 Southwest California Synod Assembly  
On the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery**

WHEREAS, we confess with our Native sisters and brothers that the whole of Creation is God's work, that God declares it all as good, and that God's Spirit dwells within it, and

WHEREAS, we confess that Jesus Christ became incarnate in human form to show God's love and mercy to all humanity, in all its variety, and to every race and people on every continent of the earth, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge with pain and regret the damage done to the indigenous inhabitants of the Americas by the European conquest and migration to what Europeans called a "new world," but which was in reality already the homeland of many peoples, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Christian churches were and remain complicit in that conquest, migration and dispossession, and that Christian churches helped develop conceptions of Native peoples that blamed them for their own ills and that continue to perpetuate prejudice and injustice against them and their descendants, and

WHEREAS, we deplore and reject the so-called "doctrine of discovery": the legal principle, originating with Pope Alexander VI in 1493 and further entrenched in U.S. federal law in *Johnson v. McIntosh* (1823), that Native inhabitants have no property or any other rights which colonizing European nations and their sovereigns are bound to respect, and

WHEREAS, this principle promotes the myth that the Americas were a largely empty land that European conquerors and migrants had a right to claim, occupy, and possess simply by virtue of their Christianity and their European civilization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2016 Southwest California Synod Assembly explicitly and clearly repudiates the European Christian-derived "doctrine of discovery" with its continuing impact upon tribal governments and individual tribal members to this day, acknowledges and repents of its complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, and memorialize the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to join with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church, The United Church of Christ, The United Methodist Church and The Moravian Church in doing the same, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2016 Southwest California Synod Assembly memorialize the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to join it in offering herewith a statement of repentance and reconciliation to Native nations in this country for damage done in the name of Christianity and "civilization," requesting the Office of the Presiding Bishop to plan an appropriate ELCA national ceremony of repentance and reconciliation with tribal leaders, and provide resources for similar synodical and congregational observances with local tribal leaders, at all such times and places as are appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2016 Southwest California Synod Assembly memorialize the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to request that the ELCA, with the help of Native communities, commit itself to the development of resources in the next triennium, to help its congregations and people understand and reduce the negative impact of the "doctrine of discovery" and its consequences for Native people in North America,

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2016 Southwest California Synod Assembly memorialize the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly to request that the ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission Unit bring forward to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly a renewed strategy for ministry with Native people in the ELCA and accompaniment with North American Native communities generally, with a particular commitment to long-term, stable funding of ELCA American Indian and Alaska Native ministries, increasing partnerships with congregations and synods in the ELCA, and promoting efforts with the Native communities within which our congregations and synods reside.

This resolution was submitted by the following:

1. James Alfonso First Terrace
2. Margaret Schultz-Hanson Lutheran Church of the Master, Los Angeles
3. Erin Martinson Trinity Lutheran, Ventura
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6. Rev. Chiddah Plu
7. John Holbert Hope Lutheran
8. Kellian Jones First Covenant
9. Pastor Kimberly Stephens First Lutheran Glendale, CA
10. Pastor Sarah Summer-Kisner Salem Glendale CA

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12. Karen & Moyer St. Timothy Lakewood
13. Renee Brandt Foothills La Canada
14. Mark Schuler Salem Glendale
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## 2016 Resolution on Divestment

- WHEREAS, in 2005, the ELCA approved "Peace Not Walls" as a strategy for this church's engagement in the efforts to bring a just and lasting peace to the conflict between Israel and Palestine; and
- WHEREAS, in spite of this church's call to "Awareness, Accompaniment and Advocacy," the nation of Israel and the Palestinian Authority remain deeply divided, and unable to negotiate an agreement that will provide security, justice and peace for both states; and
- WHEREAS, the continued occupation of the Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem, by the State of Israel hampers efforts to create a just and lasting peace, and violates the rights of Palestinians as defined by the "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights" (ICCPR) which was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 16, 1966, and to which both Israel and the United States are parties; and
- WHEREAS, several multinational corporations have provided materials and resources that instead of encouraging solutions that will bring a just and lasting peace in fact have exacerbated the conflict, perpetuated injustice, and violated the human rights of Palestinians, including:

**Caterpillar Corporation** which provides bulldozers that Israel has used for the demolition of homes of Palestinians accused or suspected of activity that challenges or combats Israel's continued occupation of the Palestinian territories seized during the 1967 War thus violating Article 17 of the ICCPR which states, "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence"; and

**Hewlett-Packard Company** which developed, integrates and maintains finger print and facial recognition data collected on every Palestinian over the age of 16 that enables Israel to track and control their movements, which violates Article 17 of the ICCPR which states, "Everyone has the right to the liberty of movement and freedom to choose his residence"; and

**Motorola Solutions** which supplies Israel with weapon components, military communications systems and surveillance systems that sustain the occupation of the Palestinian Territories and delay the formation of Palestine as a nation, which violates Article 24 of the ICCPR which states, "Every child has the right to acquire a nationality"; and

**Group 4 Securicor (G4S)** which provides equipment and services to Israeli prisons where political prisoners and children are detained without trial and subjected to torture, which violates Article 7 of the ICCPR which states, "No one shall be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment"; and

- WHEREAS, three of the ELCA's full communion partners - the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church - have each voted within the past two years to similarly divest funds from these and other companies that prolong Israel's occupation or inhibit the formation of a viable Palestinian state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod meeting in Assembly recommend that the Synod Council take those steps necessary to divest any and all stocks the Southwest California

Synod may have invested in Caterpillar Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Motorola Solutions and G4S; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod meeting in Assembly recommend to its member congregations, rostered leaders, agencies and institutions that they consider divesting any and all funds they may have in Caterpillar Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Motorola Solutions and G4S; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod meeting in Assembly recommend that the ELCA Church Council take whatever steps to divest any and all funds the ELCA has invested in Caterpillar Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Motorola Solutions and G4S; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod meeting in Assembly recommend that the ELCA Churchwide Assembly consider referring a motion to divest pension funds from Caterpillar Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Motorola Solutions and G4S to the Board of Portico Benefits for recommendation and action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod Assembly direct the Synod Secretary to forward this resolution to the Church Council's Executive Committee for proper referral and disposition under the bylaws and continuing resolutions of this church.

This resolution was submitted by the following:

Name	Congregation
1. Pamela R. Challis	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
2. Carole Parmer Dyer	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
3. Adam Johnson	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
4. Hannah Ylmer	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
5. David Charles	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
6. Julie Marnett	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach
7. Philip Robinson	Christ Lutheran Church, Long Beach, CA
8. Richard A. Bell & Roger	Christ Lutheran, Long Beach, CA

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2. Jane Affonso	Jane Affonso	First Torrance
3. Mary Stewart	Mary Stewart	First Torrance
4. William Hurst	William Hurst	First Torrance
5. Patricia Digre	Pat Digre	First Torrance
6. Deborah Mason	Deborah Mason	St. Stephen's Palmdale
7. Pamela B. Chablis	Christ Lutheran	Long Beach, CA
8. Ane Takemura	Ane Takemura	First Torrance
9. Karla Devine	Karla Devine	First Torrance
10. Madeline Vancouver	Madeline Vancouver	First Torrance

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3. Bonnie Bowman " "
4. Claudia Loreda (Claudia Loreda) " "
5. Don Martens (Don Martens) " "
6. Dana Voigt (Dana Voigt) " "
7. Ruth Riley (Ruth Riley) " "
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2. David Katakawila Gloria Dei, Long Beach
3. Kristian Katakawila Gloria Dei, Long Beach

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## **2016 Resolution on Eco-Reformation in the Context of Climate Change**

- WHEREAS, 2017 will mark observances of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, which addressed fundamental threats to human well-being and all of God's creation in theological, social, and political ways; and
- WHEREAS, the 1993 ELCA Social Statement *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* affirms that, "we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth"; and
- WHEREAS, in 1993 with *Caring for Creation* we realized the urgency was already "widespread and serious, according to the preponderance of evidence from scientists worldwide of dangerous global warming, caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide" from the burning of fossil fuels, and that "action to counter degradation, especially within this decade, is essential to the future of our children and our children's children. Time is very short"; and
- WHEREAS, in the 1999 ELCA Social Statement *Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All*, this church declares that "Too often the earth has been treated as a waste receptacle and a limitless storehouse of raw materials to be used up for the sake of economic growth, rather than as a finite, fragile ecological system upon which human and all other life depends"; and
- WHEREAS, the Statement of Vision and Expectations for Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) stipulates that "the people of God are called to the care and redemption of all that God has made. This includes the need to speak on behalf of this earth, its environment and natural resources and its inhabitants. This church expects that its ordained ministers will be exemplary stewards of the earth's resources, and that they will lead this church in the stewardship of God's creation"; and
- WHEREAS, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote in a pastoral letter on September 19, 2014: "Daily we see and hear the evidence of a rapidly changing climate. Glaciers are disappearing, the polar ice cap is melting, and sea levels are rising. Incidents of pollution-created dead zones in seas and the ocean and toxic algae growth in water supplies are occurring with greater frequency. Most disturbingly, the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rising at an unprecedented rate. At the same time we also witness in too many instances how the earth's natural beauty, a sign of God's wonderful creativity, has been defiled by pollutants and waste ... The present moment is a critical one, filled with both challenge and opportunity to act as faithful individuals and churches in solidarity with God's good creation"; and
- WHEREAS, the Lutheran World Federation has already, with its three-fold theme "Salvation: Not for sale. Human beings: Not for sale. Creation: Not for sale." signaled its intention to include creation at the center of global 2017 anniversary commemorations; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod, recognizing the need for ongoing reformation of the ELCA, memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA to make climate change and ecological justice major themes in ELCA planning and activities leading up to and following the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod will find ways to enact the 2013 Churchwide Assembly action to "support and encourage synods, congregations, members, the Churchwide organization, and agencies and institutions of this church to adopt and advocate for policies that reduce energy use, and with it our dependence on fossil fuels, as an expression of this church's commitment to address climate change and to care for God's creation" and "to re-examine lifestyles and environmental footprints as they relate to the climate crisis and to improve their stewardship of energy resources and promote care for God's creation"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod commits itself to participate with the ELCA in becoming even more faithfully a denomination that embraces creation care throughout its life and mission.

This resolution was submitted by the following:

1. Sandy Irvine Gloria Dee - Long Beach
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4. William J. K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
5. Stephanie Sam Gloria Dei Long Beach
6. Sandy Anderson Gloria Dei Long Beach
7. John K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
8. William J. K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
9. John K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
10. William J. K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
11. John K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
12. John K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
13. John K. Gloria Dei Long Beach
14. Cecilia K. Gloria Dei Long Beach

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2. Alexander u Bailey Christ Lutheran Church - Costa
3. Kent Carlender Christ Lutheran
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5. Jackie Vanderhoop CLC Costa
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  3. ~~Kristina Kahakauwila~~ ~~Hoiana~~ ~~Dei~~, Long Beach
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1. ~~Rev. Bob Schult~~ ~~Akerson~~ Lutheran Church of the Apostles Los Angeles
  2. ~~John H. Schult~~ ~~Southwest California Synod~~
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1. ~~Pastor Steve Herder~~ Ascension, Thousand Oaks
  2. ~~Pastor Jack Ledbetter~~ " " "
  3. ~~Dolores J. Ledbetter~~ " " "
  4. ~~Marcia Koenig~~ " " "
  5. ~~Diane Kusnierck~~ " " "
  6. ~~Debra Kusnierck~~ " " "
  7. ~~Stacy Smith~~ " " "
  8. ~~Janet Gardner~~ " " "
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  12. \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor Jack Ledbetter
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ Dolores Ledbetter
  14. \_\_\_\_\_ Marcia Koenig
  15. \_\_\_\_\_ Diane Kusnierck
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ Debra Kusnierck
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Stacy Smith
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Janet Gardner

## 2016 Resolution to Become A Lutherans Restoring Creation Synod

WHEREAS, the 1993 ELCA Social Statement Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice affirms that "we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth"; and recognizes that "action to counter degradation, especially within this decade is essential to the future of our children and our children's children"; and declares that "each congregation should see itself as a center for exploring scriptural and theological foundations for caring for creation"; and that "as congregations and other expressions of this church, we will seek to incorporate the principles of sufficiency and sustainability in our life", and

WHEREAS, the 1999 ELCA Social statement Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All recognizes that "the growth of economic activity during the twentieth century, and the industrialization and consumerism that fueled it, radically changed the relationship between humans and the earth. Too often the earth has been treated as a waste receptacle and a limitless storehouse of raw materials to be used up for the sake of economic growth rather than as a finite, fragile ecological system upon which human and all other life depends", and

WHEREAS, the Statement of Vision and Expectations for Ordained Ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America stipulates that "the people of God are called to the care and redemption of all that God has made. This includes the need to speak on behalf of this earth, its environment and natural resources and its inhabitants. This church expects that its ordained ministers will be exemplary stewards of the earth's resources, and that they will lead this church in the stewardship of God's creation", therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod become a Lutherans Restoring Creation synod by entering into partnership with Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC) as described in the LRC document "Partnership with Synods",<sup>1</sup> and by adopting a "Green Synod Mission Statement"<sup>2</sup> similar in form and function to the LRC model; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod's Green Faith Team be responsible for implementing all feasible actions as listed in the "Partnership" and "Mission Statement" documents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the congregations of the Southwest California Synod consider becoming Lutherans Restoring Creation congregations, educating congregants of all ages about our sacred calling to care for God's beloved creation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod's Green Faith Team reach out to the congregations of our Synod, encouraging earth-caring and sustainability actions, and report back on efforts made in our congregations and synod to the 2017 Synod Assembly.

1 - Copy found at: <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/Home/synods/partnership-with-synods>

2 - Copy found at: <http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/green-synod-mission-statement>

LRC Vision: That being earth-keepers is foundational to our Christian vocation and should be integral to the full life and mission of the ELCA.

LRC Mission: To empower and equip ELCA congregations, synods, agencies, etc. to embrace caring for creation in substantive and meaningful ways. The goal is to encourage the ELCA to incorporate care for creation into its full life and mission at all levels and into members' lifestyles, so that earth-keeping and justice for all earth community becomes integral to the identity and purpose of our church.

This resolution was submitted by the following:

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- 7 SARA MCGATH
- 8 Robert Richards Luth. Ch of the West
- 9 John — John Taylor
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- 1 Sandy Evans Aloia Dei, Long Beach
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- 9 Jay ... Aloia Dei, Long Beach
- 10 ... Aloia Dei, Long Beach
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- 13 P.O. White
- 14 ... Aloia Dei - Long Beach

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| 6  | Martha Santiago               | Trinity Lutheran Santa Barbara  |
| 7  | Kit Wright                    | Christ Lutheran Church - Goleta |
| 8  | Jan Rosendahl                 | Christ Lutheran Goleta          |
| 9  | Larry Hughes                  | Christ Lutheran Goleta          |
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| 15 | Pastor Kimberly Stephens      | First Lutheran Chendale         |
| 16 | Pastor Sarah Summer-Ebenbraun | Salem Glendale                  |
| 17 | Mark Johnson                  | Salem Glendale                  |
| 18 | Renee Boranitt                | Foothills, Lancaster            |
| 19 | Lizis Hanson                  | Holy Trinity Thousand Oaks      |
| 20 | Cecilia Johnson               | Salem Glendale                  |
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| 5  | Deborah Anderson              | Trinity, San Gabriel            |
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| 7  | Betty Johnson                 | St. Andrews WLA                 |
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Congregation/Location

- 1 Paula Devine (Paula Devine) 1st Lutheran Torrance
- 2 Dan M. Nelson (Dan Nelson) First Lutheran
- 3 Patrice Lynn (Patrice Lynn) 1st Lutheran
- 4 Sarah Dyer (Sarah Dyer) 1st Lutheran
- 5 Kathy Dyer (Kathy Dyer) 1st Lutheran
- 6 Madonna Davenport (Madonna Davenport) First Lutheran
- 7 Sharon Huber (Sharon Huber) First Lutheran
- 8 Charlotte McLean (Charlotte McLean) First Lutheran Torrance
- 9 Nancy Switzer (Nancy Switzer) Rev. Reuben Oxner
- 10 DAN GIBSON FIRST, CORSON
- 11 Rev. (Mrs) (Pam Chaddock) Bliss
- 12 John Halbert Hope Lutheran
- 13 Felleck Dyer (Lillian's mom) First Glendale, CA
- 14 Pastor Kimberly Stephens First Lutheran Glendale, CA
- 15 Pastor Sarah Summer-Eisenbraun Salem Glendale
- 16 Karen Meehan St. Timothy's Lakewood
- 17 Ronald W. Nelson Christ Lutheran Long Beach
- 18 Mark Johnson Salem Glendale
- 19 Renee Bonnett Fairhills / La Canada
- 20 Doreen Hanson (Doreen Hanson) Holy Trinity Thousand Oaks
- 21 Deborah Johnson Salem Glendale
- 22 Linda Norton Lutheran Church in the foothills

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## **2016 Resolution: on ELCA World Hunger & Child Nutrition**

(submitted by the SW California Synod Hunger Team)

WHEREAS, Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35;  
and

WHEREAS, 2016 is the year within The Campaign for the ELCA: Always Made New that is focused on ELCA World Hunger; and

WHEREAS, we live in a world where more than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from and 15.8 million children live in households that struggle with hunger; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod of the ELCA, meeting in Assembly, encourage all congregations in our Synod to raise up ELCA World Hunger in their work, domestic and internationally, to respond to the needs of those who are hungry, especially children, to speak up on behalf of all who experience hunger and work to find sustainable solutions to break the cycle of hunger; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of our synod's congregations seek to support ELCA World Hunger through prayer and financial support; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southwest California Synod memorialize the 2016 Church wide Assembly of the ELCA to convey to the Congress of the United States to renew and strengthen our nation's child nutrition programs by passing the Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) bill in 2016 and bring the "Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access of 2016" to the Senate floor for a vote.

This resolution was submitted by the following:

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