

Resolution 3

Action Encouraging The ECSW to Promote Education and Advocacy for Peace in the Holy Land

WHEREAS the Holy Land, as the birthplace of Christianity, holds profound religious significance for Christians worldwide,

WHEREAS the ongoing unrest and violence in the Holy Land has caused injustice, immense suffering, loss of life, displacement among Palestinians and has jeopardized historical sites for many decades;

WHEREAS loss of life, freedom, and justice continue to harm God's children;

WHEREAS education and awareness are essential tools for fostering understanding, empathy, and meaningful action towards peaceful resolution;

WHEREAS we see and understand the crisis through many lenses, including Scripture, theology, faith, history, politics and personal bias;

WHEREAS advocating for peace and justice aligns with the fundamental teachings of Christianity, including love, compassion, and reconciliation;

WHEREAS the ELCA is seeking peace and justice in Palestine and Israel through its Sumud initiative;

WHEREAS the ELCA is working to provide aid to those affected by the continued violence in the Holy Land;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

the ECSW in assembly encourages all members and congregations to facilitate discussions and studies of the historical and current realities of the conflict between Palestine and Israel provided by ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

the ECSW encourages its members and congregations to provide humanitarian aid to all those suffering from the ongoing violence through ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response.

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the ECSW urges churches to advocate for policies and actions that support peace, justice, and human rights for all parties involved in the Holy Land conflict, including but not limited to advocating for ceasefire leading to an end to violence, the protection of civilians, and the pursuit of a just and lasting solution based on international law and UN resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

the ECSW affirms its commitment to prayerful and active work towards a peaceful resolution of the Holy Land humanitarian crisis, guided by the principles of love, compassion, and reconciliation central to the Christian faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

the ECSW pledges to continue advocating for peace and justice in the Holy Land, both within its own communities and in partnership with other religious and civil society organizations committed to the same cause.

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Resolutions Committee Recommendation:

Submit to Synod Assembly for consideration and possible action.

Resolutions Committee Rationale:

The proposed resolution merits the attention of the Assembly.

Notes or Resources

Letter - [ELCA Conference of Bishops Call for Ceasefire](#)

Isaiah 2 ¹⁻⁵The Message Isaiah got regarding Judah and Jerusalem:

There's a day coming

when the mountain of GOD's House

Will be The Mountain—

solid, towering over all mountains.

All nations will river toward it,

people from all over set out for it.

They'll say, "Come,

let's climb GOD's Mountain,

go to the House of the God of Jacob.

He'll show us the way he works

so we can live the way we're made."

Zion's the source of the revelation.

GOD's Message comes from Jerusalem.

He'll settle things fairly between nations.

He'll make things right between many peoples.

They'll turn their swords into shovels,

their spears into hoes.

No more will nation fight nation;

they won't play war anymore.

Come, family of Jacob,

let's live in the light of GOD.

The Message