

A MEMORIAL TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED SOCIAL STATEMENT ON HUMAN SEXUALITY

1. **WHEREAS**, the Task Force for ELCA Studies in Sexuality has earnestly studied and struggled
2. with these matters for eight years, and their work models and invites mutually respectful dialogue
3. about sexuality throughout this church; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the proposed Social Statement powerfully proclaims this church's teachings on trust,
5. love, and service to the neighbor as the proper foundation of sexuality; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the ELCA Church Council, at its March 2009 meeting, voted by an overwhelming
7. margin to recommend to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly the proposed Social Statement on Human
8. Sexuality; and
9. **WHEREAS**, the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will consider the adoption of the proposed
10. social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED**, that the 2009 Assembly of the North Carolina Synod, memorialize the 2009
12. Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to adopt the proposed *Social*
13. Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*.

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