

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR AFRICA

Social Policy Resolution
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Adopted by the 1995 Churchwide Assembly.

Whereas

Whereas, the old economic order of apartheid, colonialism, and slavery helped devastate Africa, leaving it the poorest of all continents of the world; and

Whereas, the United States Congress created the African Development Foundation and the Development Fund for Africa as a way to protect necessary development aid to Africa where one-eighth of the world's people live; and

Whereas, the United States Senate, through a rescission bill, reduced 1995 funding for the African Development Foundation from \$17 million to \$10 million and the Development Fund for Africa from \$802 million to \$780 million; and

Whereas, the United States Senate proposes 1996 funding for the Development Fund for Africa to be reduced to \$528 million out of a total \$12.1 billion for the entire Foreign Aid Bill; and

Whereas, African countries critically need U.S. development assistance to build schools and roads, purify drinking water, pay for immunization medicine, and fight childhood diseases; therefore, be it

Resolved

RESOLVED, that members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be encouraged to contact their United States senators and urge restoration on the 1995 funding level of \$17 million for the African Development Fund and \$802 million for the Development Foundation for Africa and continuance of that development aid amount for 1996.