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 recision 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.