Resolved

To receive with gratitude the memorial of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod lifting up the needs of immigration detainees for ministry and accompaniment;

To encourage all synods in the ELCA to inform their congregations about the locations of county jails, private for-profit prisons, and other detention facilities in their communities that hold immigration detainees for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as that information is publicly available;

To encourage all synods to provide congregations with links to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service resources on ministry to detainees;

To support and encourage synods, congregations and affiliated agencies to develop and/or participate in visitation programs for those in detention and to develop community support programs for those who are granted alternatives to detention; and

To encourage congregations and members to study the recommended social statement, *The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries*, as it relates to the detention issue.

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