

Advocating D.C. Statehood and Listening to Calls For Self-Determination

Social Policy Resolution CA22.01.05c



Approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

RESOLVED:

To receive with gratitude the memorial on “Voting Rights and D.C. Statehood” from the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod;

To request that the presiding bishop communicate this church’s support for statehood for the District of Columbia to the United States Congress;

To direct the ELCA Witness in Society team in the Service and Justice home area to promote opportunities for education and advocacy regarding statehood for Washington, D.C.;

To direct the ELCA Witness in Society team to listen to and support calls for self-determination for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories and to act on requests related to these matters from the Caribbean Synod and the ELCA director for Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations; and

To encourage all ELCA synods, congregations, and members to inform and educate themselves about ELCA social teaching and witness in society on voting access and voting rights.