Research Survey
Draft of a Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith

The ELCA is working on a draft of a social statement on Civic Life and Faith. After reading the draft, we would appreciate your feedback and suggestions. Please complete the following survey and be as specific as possible with your comments. You can also complete the survey online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCTT8ZV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCTT8ZV). Thank you for your time and participation!

Section I: Fundamental Teaching: God’s Activity Toward Well-being Through Civic Life

1. In Section I, how well did the section present the biblical and theological basis for a Lutheran view on God’s work and purpose in civic life?

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2. In Article 3, how clear is the explanation about God’s intent and purpose for the human vocation?

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Section II: The Calling to Robust Civic Participation

5. In Section II, how thoroughly did the section present the call for Lutherans to participate in civic life?

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6. In Article 16, how helpful did you find the explanation of faith-informed advocacy?

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Section III: An Assessment of the U.S. Constitutional Form of Government

9. How well does Section III assess the meaning and key aspects of the U.S. Constitution for U.S. society?

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10. In Article 21, how helpful is the discussion of the importance of power and mutual self-determination as key principles?

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Section IV: Religion and the First Amendment

13. How well does Section IV explore the relationship between the First Amendment and religion?

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Section V: Describing the Constructive Relationships of Religious Organizations and Political Authority

16. In Section V, how clear is the explanation of the appropriate relationships between religious organizations and political authority?

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17. In Article 35, how helpful is the discussion of rostered ministers as public figures?

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18. In Article 37, how helpful did you find the discussion of Christian nationalism?

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Section VI: Addressing Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life

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22. In Article 42, how useful was the discussion of financial contributions to political campaigns?

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Overall Questions about the Draft

25. How helpful did you find the draft in thinking about civic life from a faith perspective?

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26. (Optional) Is there anything else you think the social statement should explore that was not covered in this draft?

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Questions about You

27. Gender:
   O Woman
   O Man
   O Non-binary
   O Prefer not to answer

28. Age:
   O under 18
   O 18-24
   O 25-34
   O 35-44
   O 45-54
   O 55-64
   O 65-74
   O 75 or older

29. Race/Ethnicity:
   O African American/Black
   O African National/African Caribbean
   O American Indian/Alaska Native
   O Arab/Middle Eastern
   O Asian/Pacific Islander
   O Latino/Hispanic
   O Multiracial
   O White
   O Other: _________________________

30. What is your zip code? _____________

31. Highest level of academic achievement:
   O Less than high school
   O High school or GED
   O Some college
   O Associate’s degree
   O Bachelor’s degree
   O Master’s degree
   O Doctorate or professional degree

32. Are you:
   O A Minister of Word and Sacrament
   O A Minister of Word and Service
   O A lay member and/or participant of a congregation in the ELCA
   O Other: ___________________________
Thank you for completing the survey!

Please mail it to:

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Chicago IL 60631-4101