

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Adopted by the 2009 Churchwide Assembly.

To thank the Minneapolis Area and Northeastern Iowa synods for their concern for immigration reform in the light of Christian faith and this church's historical commitment to immigrants and refugees;

To note and reaffirm, without designating a specific day of commemoration, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) are committed to work toward comprehensive reform that balances respect for the law with a recognition of due process and respect for humanitarian principles;

To urge comprehensive reform of immigration policies and processes in the United States;

To call for the suspension of immigration raids until such comprehensive reform is enacted; and

To anticipate a message on immigration in November of 2009.