

ESTABLISHING JUNE 17TH AS EMANUEL 9 COMMEMORATION AND DAY OF REPENTANCE

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RESOLVED that the ELCA will

1. Commemorate June 17th as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the martyrdom of the Emanuel 9; and
2. Have the names of the Emanuel 9 (Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, Depayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel L. Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson) added to future ELCA publications to venerate their martyrdom and lead us to repentance because of the white supremacy and racism in our church; and
3. Call for this commemoration to be grounded in prayer as the Emanuel 9 were murdered while in prayer at the end of the bible study; and
4. Direct the Office of the Presiding Bishop to help develop future worship prayers and litanies around repentance from racism; and
5. Encourage giving both prayer and financial support for the memorial to be built in remembrance of the Emanuel 9 (<https://www.emanuelnine.org/>); and
6. Be in deeper conversations with the AME church on ways of reconciliation and repentance on the matters of white supremacy and racism.