

**Feedback to the Draft of a Social Message on Gender-based Violence  
Fall 2014**

*To access the Draft of a Social Message on Gender-based Violence, please use the following link:  
<http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Gender-Violence>*

Thank you very much for participating in this period of public comment. Your responses will be kept confidential and reported only as part of a summary of all responses. Your response will contribute to the process by which this draft social message will be revised and strengthened.

The questions are set up according to the 10 main headings of the draft social message. There is a section at the very end of this form for comments and suggestions about the draft social message as a whole.

**For the open-ended questions, please use line numbers as much as possible** to specify what you find useful, not useful, accurate, inaccurate, helpful, troubling and so forth. This version of the social message is a draft; you are strongly encouraged to use this occasion to add your thoughts and suggestions. If you do not wish to respond to a specific question, simply skip it and move to the next one. If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet for your responses.

**Please return this form no later than November 26, 2014.**

Forms may be returned to:  
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***I. A starting place: words to those who suffer or inflict gender-based violence***

**1 - Not at all  
appropriate    2        3        4    **5 - Very  
appropriate****

1. How appropriate do you find these opening words for speaking  
about the personal realities of gender-based violence?. . . . . (1)    (2)    (3)    (4)    (5)

**What, if anything, should be added or modified in each of the three subsections of these  
“words to”?**

**II. What is gender-based violence? Definition, voices and descriptions**

- |   | <b>1 - Not at all<br/>helpful</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5 - Very<br/>helpful</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 2. How helpful do you find this section's definition of what gender-based violence is? .....          | ①                                 | ②        | ③        | ④        | ⑤                           |
| 3. How helpful do you find this section at describing how gender-based violence affects people? ..... | ①                                 | ②        | ③        | ④        | ⑤                           |

**What, if anything, do you like or see as a strength in this section?**

**What, if anything, would you suggest for modifying this section?**

**III. Context and sources**

- |  | <b>1 - Not at all<br/>accurately</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5 - Very<br/>accurately</b> |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 4. How well do you think this section assesses the context of gender-based violence? ..... | ①                                    | ②        | ③        | ④        | ⑤                              |
| 5. How well do you think this section assesses the sources of gender-based violence? ..... | ①                                    | ②        | ③        | ④        | ⑤                              |

**What, if anything, do you like or see as a strength in this section?**

**What, if anything, would you suggest for modifying this section?**

**IV. Confession of sin**

- |   | <b>1 - Not at all<br/>well</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5 - Very<br/>well</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------|
| 6. How well do you think these words articulate a confession that we, in many cases, need to make as individuals and as a church? ..... | ①                              | ②        | ③        | ④        | ⑤                        |

**What, if anything, do you find appropriate about this confession?**

**IV. Confession of sin (continued)**

**What modification, if any, would you suggest to allow this section to speak more faithfully for you and the ELCA?**

**V. Religious contributions to the problem**

	<b>1 - Not at all</b>				<b>5 - Very</b>
	<b><u>helpful</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>helpful</u></b>
7. How helpful do you find the discussion of religious contributions? . . . . .	①	②	③	④	⑤

**What, if anything, do you like or see as a strength in this section?**

**What, if anything, would you suggest for modifying this section?**

**VI. Social forces**

	<b>1 - Not at all</b>				<b>5 - Very</b>
	<b><u>helpful</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>helpful</u></b>
8. How helpful do you find the discussion of social forces? . . . . .	①	②	③	④	⑤

**What, if anything, do you like or see as a strength in this section?**

**What, if anything, would you suggest for modifying this section?**

**VII. Confession of faith**

	<b>1 - Not at all</b>				<b>5 - Very</b>
	<b><u>well</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>well</u></b>
9. How well do you think this section presents theological ideas that help to frame our Christian approach and witness to gender-based violence? . . . . .	①	②	③	④	⑤

**VII. Confession of faith (continued)**

**What, if anything, do you find appropriate about this confession?**

**What modification, if any, would you suggest to allow this section to speak more faithfully for you and the ELCA?**

**VIII. The ELCA's calling**

	1 - Not at all <u>well</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	5 - Very <u>well</u>
10. How well does this section state what the ELCA's responses need to be? .....	①	②	③	④	⑤

**In what ways, if any, would this section be helpful to you or to a congregation, synod, organization, or institution that you are part of?**

**What, if anything, would you suggest for modifying this section?**

**IX. Responding to and preventing gender-based violence through social institutions**

	1 - Not at all <u>helpful</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	5 - Very <u>helpful</u>
11. How helpful do you find this section for providing ideas about how to work in society toward preventing gender-based violence? .....	①	②	③	④	⑤

**In what ways, if any, would this section be helpful to you or to a congregation, synod, organization, or institution that you are part of?**

**IX. Responding to and preventing gender-based violence through social institutions (continued)**

**What other actions or means for addressing gender-based violence do you think should be recommended here?**

**Conclusion: Commitments for a beginning**

	<b>1 - Not at all</b>			<b>5 - Very</b>	
	<b><u>effectively</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>effectively</u></b>
<b>12.</b> How effectively do you think this section brings the message to a conclusion? .....	①	②	③	④	⑤

**What, if anything, would you modify to strengthen this conclusion?**

**General Comment Section**

	<b>1 - Not at all</b>			<b>5 - Very</b>	
	<b><u>well</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>well</u></b>
<b>13.</b> Overall, how well does the Draft of a Social Message on Gender-based Violence provide an appropriate and useful address to help this church discern what it means to respond faithfully to the complex issues of gender-based violence? . . .	①	②	③	④	⑤

**What overall comments, concerns, questions or suggestions do you have to modify this Draft of a Social Message on Gender-based Violence?**  
(Please refer to specific line numbers when possible.)

**Thank you for reading the draft social message and for responding. Please share additional comments with the drafters and consultants – add a sheet, if needed.**  
(Please refer to specific line numbers when possible.)

Please provide as much of the following information as you wish. As a reminder, your responses will be kept confidential and reported only as a summary of all responses.

**I am:**

- a woman                       a man  
 prefer not to specify     not listed above (please describe):

**My age is:**

- Under 18                       18 - 25                       26 - 35  
 36 - 45                       46 - 55                       56 - 65  
 66 - 75                       Over 75                       prefer not to specify

**My racial and/or ethnic identity is:**

- African American / Black                       American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Arab or Middle Eastern                       European American / White  
 Latino / Latina                       Multiracial or Multiethnic  
 prefer not to specify                       not listed above (please describe):

**My congregation's name:**

**My congregation's location:**

**City:**

**State:**

**My name:**

**My email address:**



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