



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## **What topics does the *Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality* address?**

This draft social statement highlights the need for strong families

“When safety and trust are eroded or destroyed, the family becomes a dangerous or even demonic place where abuse can reign. Thus Lutherans take great care to support whatever creates and sustains strong families as a ground and source of trust” (pg. 21).

“This church responds to the needs of families through its ministry and service in various settings. It also has the task of addressing – or even advocating against – social and economic trends that work against the development of strong families” (pg. 23).

“Complex and profound changes have occurred in family law over the past fifty years relating to divorce, alimony and child support, custody, adoption, parental rights, and civil unions. The continuing evolution of family law is of vital importance as legislators and courts strive to protect dependent persons and justly assign responsibility for their care” (pg. 41).

---

Social Statements guide policy in the ELCA and the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality is looking for your feedback on the draft. To read more of the *Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality* and to respond to the task force please visit:

<http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney>