

# OPPOSITION TO THE WAR IN IRAQ

Social Policy Resolution

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

## Adopted by the 2005 Churchwide Assembly.

### Resolved

To urge members, congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization to call upon the government of the United States of America and its allies to work with the governments of Iraq and Afghanistan to take immediate and comprehensive steps to end the violence and establish peaceful, stable, and just societies in these countries;

To commend the ongoing work of this church, in all its expressions, to engage world governments regarding peace, as the response of the Churchwide Assembly to the Caribbean Synod; and

To reaffirm the ELCA social statement "For Peace in God's World," which addresses the matter of seeking alternatives to war and the need for governments to "pursue less coercive measures over more coercive ones; consent over compulsion; nonviolence over violence, diplomacy over military engagement, and deterrence over war."