

Renew Assault Weapons Ban and Fund Research

Social Policy Resolution CA19.02.06a



Approved by the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

RESOLVED:

To receive with gratitude the memorials from the Oregon, Delaware-Maryland and Greater Milwaukee synods concerning assault weapons and large-capacity magazines;

To reaffirm the 2016 Churchwide Assembly action [CA16.02.031] “to reaffirm this church’s commitment to addressing the broad issues of violence in society through worship, education, service, advocacy and ongoing moral deliberation as called for in the 1994 social message on ‘Community Violence,’ and the 2013 Conference of Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Violence;

To reaffirm that ELCA social policy does not reject gun ownership or the recreational activities associated with guns as morally wrong;

To urge bishops, pastors, and Lutheran leaders to communicate to members of Congress and state legislators this church’s sense of urgency to advocate with lawmakers to create and pass gun laws that save lives, including the renewal or replacement of the Federal Assault Weapons Ban (expired in 2004), including a definition of assault weapons comparable to that in the renewal attempt of the Assault Weapons Ban bill of 2013; and

To advocate for adequate funding for gun violence research by the Centers for Disease Control.