

# ADVOCATING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION RESEARCH

Social Policy Resolution  
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **Resolved:**

To receive with gratitude the memorial of the Southeastern Synod regarding Increased Funding for Suicide Prevention Research;

To affirm the commitment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in its social message on "Suicide Prevention" to call upon this church to advocate for efforts to prevent suicide;

To request that the presiding bishop communicate to the U.S. President and members of Congress the support of the ELCA for doubling, over five years, the federal funding to the National Institutes of Health for suicide prevention research; and

To encourage ELCA synods, congregations, members and the ELCA Advocacy Office in Washington, D.C., to add their voices in support of such action.

**Adopted by the Churchwide Assembly in August 2016**