

Resolution 5B

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
IN AMERICA BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD AS THE RESULT OF ACTIONS OF THE 2009 CHURCHWIDE  
ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the E.L.C.A. has adopted the social statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this statement allows practicing homosexuals to be ordained ministers within the E.L.C.A. and

WHEREAS, this stance is clearly in violation of all specific scriptural references to homosexual behavior (Genesis 13:13 & 19; Leviticus 20:13; Deuteronomy 23:17; Romans 1:26-27; I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Timothy 1:10; Matthew 10:14-15) and

WHEREAS, adopting the statement, *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust* is therefore also in violation of a primary aspect of the Reformation - *Sola Scriptura* (by scripture alone) which teaches that "The Bible is the only authority for the Christian in matters of faith, life and conduct" and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther inspired the Reformation through his teachings, and

WHEREAS, this social statement also violates standards required of pastors as established by I Timothy 3: 1-7 and

WHEREAS, continued financial assistance in support of the E.L.C.A. also includes support of the actions of the 2009 Churchwide Assembly and the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Synod reject the decisions of the 2009 *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Synod, as an act of conscience and in support of Holy Scripture and the concept of *Sola Scriptura*, immediately cease all financial support of the E.L.C.A. until such time as the E.L.C.A. refuses to implement the 2009 Churchwide Assembly actions and the actions have been overturned, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Carolina Synod establish alternate methods for financially supporting God's work through worthy beneficiaries – either currently supported or otherwise, without benefit to the E.L.C.A., and implement this revised method of disbursing financial gifts as soon as is practical.



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