

**MEMORIAL TO ENCOURAGE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SOCIAL STATEMENT "HUMAN SEXUALITY: GIFT AND TRUST"**

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WHEREAS, the 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America adopted the social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust"; and

WHEREAS, the Churchwide Assembly also adopted implementing resolutions for this social statement [CA09.04.17]; and

WHEREAS, passage of the social statement and its implementing resolutions, as well as passage of the resolutions relating to ministry policy recommendations have raised concerns that have diverted focus from many of the important policy initiatives addressed in the social statement's implementing resolutions; and

WHEREAS, members of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America continue to support and encourage the implementation of the resolutions for this social statement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly memorialize the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to encourage the full implementation of the social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" and its implementing resolutions and to have the Office of the Presiding Bishop bring a report to the 2013 Churchwide Assembly on the status of their implementation.

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