Memorial Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action

Whereas, we are all created in the image of God, and are therefore deserving of equality and equity in church and society; and

Whereas, God has made us One in Christ as Christian people, and as a public church we of the ELCA teach that we are called to address significant social issues that affect the common good and seek to bring God’s justice to all; and

Whereas, sexism continues to exist in many forms throughout society and brings harm to all; and

Whereas, sexism continues to exist in many forms even within this church as evidenced by the gender inequity in leadership roles and access to call for women who are rostered; and

Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at its 2009 Churchwide Assembly voted to “develop a social statement on the topic of justice for women in church and society” [CA09.06.31]; and

Whereas, listening events, studies, and forums have allowed the whole church to participate and engage in the social statement development process with meaningful dialogue

Whereas, hearings on the draft version of the social statement have been held throughout the church body, including the 2018 Nebraska Assembly; and

Whereas, the proposed statement will be considered for adoption by the 2019 Churchwide assembly; therefore be it

Resolved, that the 2019 Upstate New York Synod Assembly memorialize the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to adopt the recommended proposed social statement Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action; and be it further

Resolved, that congregations of the Upstate New York Synod be encouraged to pray, advocate, and work for justice for all who are affected by sexism and patriarchy.