Mujeres de la ELCA | Women of the ELCA

SHORTENED VERSIONS OF
Memorials & Resolutions Adopted by the
2026 Women of the ELCA Thirteenth Triennial Convention
Please consider prayerfully how you, your unit, and your SWO can act on these memorials and resolution.

Memorial 1: Faithful Friends Giving to Women of the ELCA

All units are encouraged to share information about "Faithful Friends" as an opportunity to support the work of Women of the ELCA; all leaders within Synodical Women's Organizations are encouraged to become "Faithful Friends"; each Synodical Women's Organization ought engage their constituents in becoming "Faithful Friends" and to report their efforts to the 2027 and 2028 Conference of Presidents.

NB: You can start giving online right away. You can change or cancel your recurring gift at any time by calling the main ELCA number (773-380-2700 or 800-638-3522) and pressing Zero for the operator.

Memorial 2: Supporting the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Leaders of the ELCA

We resolve actively to work to remove barriers to uplift and empower the gifts of BIPOC leaders who are needed and missing from communities, to learn more about and accurately communicate and celebrate the TEEM program, and to take individual steps in learning about "allyship" and become allies taking, for example, the following actions: Lamenting the sin of racism; Actively listening to BIPOC leaders; Receiving the gifts BIPOC leaders bring to their roles; Continuing to educate ourselves by reading recommended resources, such as See Me, Believe Me; Taking a bystander training course and/or anti-racism training; Starting or joining a book club with others who are seeking to become anti-racist; Joining one of the ELCA Ethnic Associations in their work on racial justice; Supporting synods and congregations in making and changing policy re: racial justice; Praying for BIPOC leaders.

Memorial 3: Justice for Neighbors

We affirm our commitment to living out our baptismal vocation in daily life and likewise affirm our support for Global Refuge, AMMPARO, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all our serving arms that do the work of showing mercy and care and love to our siblings around the world. We commit ourselves to

speaking out against discrimination and prejudice and to standing up for the rights and dignity of all God's beloved children, especially for siblings of color, Indigenous siblings, queer and transgender siblings, migrant and refugee siblings, hungry and homeless siblings, siblings with disabilities, and all siblings whose rights are being threatened. We encourage all individuals and units of the Women of the ELCA to engage in the ongoing work of serving and seeking justice and peace for our neighbor by supporting and praying for the work of our serving arms and justice teams.

Memorial 4: In Recognition of Creation Care Justice

We will support local units in using Creation Care and Lutherans Restoring Creation resources; and the Women of the ELCA churchwide organization is encouraged to include Creation Care as one of its Justice causes.

Memorial 5: Unification of Women Around the Intent of the Gospel

We see and honor the works that women today are doing in homes, churches, communities, workplaces, and on the global mission field to further the kingdom of God and empower all Women of the ELCA to work together to commission, train, and support women to go and make disciples while serving courageously, giving sacrificially, praying continuously, and loving one another as Christ loved us in order to effectively impart the faith to the next generation.

Memorial 6: Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls

We commit to raising up healthy women and girls through education about physical, spiritual and emotional health.

Memorial 7: Raise Awareness of Indian Boarding Schools

We encourage participants, units and synodical women's organizations to educate themselves and others about the issue, using resources such as those found at https://www.elca.org/indianboardingschools and https://www.elca.org/truthandhealing and encourage participants, units and synodical women's organizations to educate themselves and others about the issue, using resources such as those found at https://www.elca.org/indianboardingschools and https://www.elca.org/truthandhealing. Further, we will observe September 30 as a National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools.

Memorial 8: Raise Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

We encourage women of the ELCA to learn about the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) by use of resources such as those found at https://www.elca.org/truthandhealing and MMIW | Women of the ELCA

Memorial 9: Clean Water for the People of Kuwaa Land in Liberia, West Africa

We encourage all individuals and units of the Women of the ELCA to educate themselves and others about the Kuwaa Mission (https://www.kuwaamission.org/projects/safe-water/) and encourages the organization of fundraising projects to collect money to be used to build water wells and provide other equipment so the Kuwaa people of Liberia have access to clean water.

Memorial 10: Period Poverty

We resolve that in our churches we will have menstrual supplies available in the restrooms; and we will donate to food banks, women's shelters, and homeless organizations menstrual supplies in our communities; and we encourage women of the ELCA to obtain more information from organizations such as Days for Girls https://www.daysforgirls.org/. Further, we will continue to bring awareness to the topic of period poverty and other healthcare needs of women.

Resolution 2026.02. Immigrant Family Detention Awareness and Action.

Women of the ELCA request education and direction from AMMPARO and ELCA Advocacy about family detention; we encourage churchwide and synodical organizations to provide education about family detention and guidance for advocacy to end family detention in the United States through as many means possible within the Women of the ELCA; we encourage SWOs and Congregational Units to learn, pray and advocate using resources such as from freefamilies.net and to send letters of advocacy to state and federal legislators and to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) regarding the closure of family detention centers with language provided by the staff of the Women of the ELCA, AMMPARO, and ELCA Advocacy.