

Resolution Supporting Time of Prayer to End Human Trafficking

WHEREAS human trafficking in all its forms continues to be a problem that victimizes thousands of people around the world and here in the United States, and

WHEREAS Cherish All Children, an ELCA ministry that equips congregations to prevent child sexual exploitation, exists as a helpful resource (www.cherishallchildren.org), and

WHEREAS January 11 is considered Human Trafficking Awareness Day and Super Bowl weekend traditionally has one of the highest incidences of human trafficking in the United States; therefore be it

RESOLVED that January 11 - through Super Bowl Weekend be established as a time of prayer in the congregations of the La Crosse Synod to end human trafficking; and be it further

RESOLVED that we request that Bishop Arends encourage members of the Wisconsin Council of Churches to join in establishing January 11 – through Super Bowl Weekend as a time of prayer in their congregations and national organizations to end human trafficking; and be it further

RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to encourage member congregations to establish January 11 – through Super Bowl Weekend as a time of prayer to end human trafficking; and be it further

RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to create and distribute materials (such as, but not limited to, petitions for prayers of the church, daily prayer suggestions, and informational newsletter articles and bulletin inserts) to help congregations participate in this time of prayer; and be it further

RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod memorialize the 2016 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to request that appropriate leaders connect with their counterparts in other religious organizations and within the community to encourage them to establish the same time of prayer to end human trafficking and to work with law enforcement to end human trafficking.

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