



South Carolina Lutheran Church Youth

Resolution Against Racial Injustice

WHEREAS the population in South Carolina is approximately 65% white and 35% other races/ethnic groups;

AND WHEREAS on June 17, 2015, 9 people were martyred at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC because of the color of their skin;

AND WHEREAS we, as children of God, are called to Rise Up Together and help and befriend ALL of our neighbors in their every need...

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lutheran Church Youth organization of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA urges all of its members to continue to

- Stand in support of inclusiveness, embracing diversity, and loving all through Christ;
- Participate with leaders in our schools and communities to enact and enforce policies of equality without regard to race or ethnicity;
- Reach out to and pray for the victims AND wrongdoers to show them the love of Christ is everlasting; and
- Look for outreach opportunities in all Christian churches to grow together in the body of Christ.

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In the name of Jesus Christ, the Resolution Against Racial Injustice was passed by the Voting Members of the 2015 Annual Convention of the Lutheran Church Youth of the South Carolina Synod, ELCA this 20th day of June by unanimous decision.

It is the further will of this body that this resolution be used to promote racial justice, diversity, and equality by disseminating it to the SC Synod of the ELCA and its congregations, the ELCA, the SC state legislative bodies, and other bodies where it may have a positive impact on discussions and calls to action.