

Resolution 1 – 2015 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
Resolution on Social Justice and Ministry
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WHEREAS, the prophet Isaiah (1:17) encourages us to "learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, and plead for the widow"; and

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus Christ ministered to the outcasts of society and proclaimed God's love and grace to all who believe; and

WHEREAS, in baptism we are called to work for social justice and peace; and

WHEREAS, we are witnessing great injustices in our communities, state, nation and world that, as Christians we are compelled to stand witness against; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Eaton is calling upon Lutheran Churches to be a "place where the deep, honest, even painful conversation about race can take place so people feel they have been heard, and change and healing can happen"; and

WHEREAS, many congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod have identified addressing social injustice as a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the Greater Milwaukee Synod to dedicate efforts towards promoting social justice and ministry efforts in member congregations and provide the requisite guidance and facilitation to address such issues.