

Resolution to Amend the United States Constitution

2024 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly Resolution 2

WHEREAS, Lutherans care about government because it is a gift from God intended for the safety and flourishing of human life; and

WHEREAS, The ELCA holds to the biblical idea (Jeremiah 29:7) that God calls people to be active citizens and to ensure that all people benefit from the good of government; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Greater Milwaukee Synod work with Wisconsin United to Amend, and communities across the state, to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by advocating for amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and that
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech; and

RESOLVED, That the Greater Milwaukee Synod encourage congregations and their members to advocate for a constitutional amendment to that end, and

RESOLVED, That the bishop be instructed to communicate in support of this effort with all state legislators, members of Congress, and Senators representing the territory of the synod.