

**Resolution Submittal Form**  
**Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod**  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Date submitted:** March 25, 2018

**Resolution for the Arkansas Oklahoma Synod, ELCA, to Support  
the Arkansas Poor People's Campaign**

WHEREAS, the prophetic ministry begun in 1967 by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others called for a "revolution of values" in the United States of America and invited people who had been divided to stand together against three forms of systemic evil: militarism, racism, and economic injustice; and

WHEREAS, this prophetic ministry was built into a national coalition of poor people, allies, and grassroots and community organizers called the Poor Peoples' Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the current social fabric of the United States of America and her territories is stretched thin by widening economic inequality, criminalization of the poor and racism with fewer public resources available to care for the poor; and

WHEREAS, after more than a decade of work by grassroots, community, and religious leaders, organizations, and movements, the Poor Peoples' Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is being renewed to bring an end to systemic racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction, and related injustices; and

WHEREAS, in mid-May 2018, the Poor Peoples' Campaign is launching 40 days of direct action and non-violent civil disobedience in Arkansas, at least 24 other states, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Poor Peoples' Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is a broad, deep, national, long-term moral movement rooted in the leadership of poor people and reflecting great moral teachings in order to build a just, sustainable and participatory society; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA's Social Statements: Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective (1991); Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture (1993); Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice (1993); and Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All/Economic Life (1999) all provide theological grounding and support for the goals, methods, and efforts of the Poor Peoples' Campaign; and

WHEREAS, various congregations, individuals and affiliated ministries within the Arkansas Oklahoma Synod already have been volunteering with the Arkansas Poor Peoples' Campaign;  
THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, ELCA, provide support to the Arkansas Poor Peoples' Campaign (APPC); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Arkansas Oklahoma Synod, ELCA, with the support of the current APPC volunteers, use its various communication formats to invite congregations, individuals, affiliate organizations, and ministry partners to join the APPC.

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