



2016 Churchwide Assembly
Supplemental Report of the Memorials Committee

August 9, 2016

The Memorials Committee received nine motions from members of the Assembly prior to the deadline of 9:45 p.m. last evening and considered each of them at its meeting Tuesday morning, August 9, 2016. Our recommendations are incorporated into our supplemental report below.

The following memorials were pulled from *En Bloc* for separate consideration:

- Category A4: African Descent Lutherans, pg. 27
- Category B1: Call to Discernment on US Foreign and Military Policy, pg. 35
- Category B6: Welcoming Refugees, pg. 54
- Category B10: Supporting Military Personnel, Veterans and their Families, pg. 82

1. Category B7: Doctrine of Discovery
Beginning on page 68, to amend by substitution:

To recommend the ELCA explicitly and clearly repudiate the European-derived doctrine of discovery with its continuing impact upon tribal governments and individual tribal members, acknowledging and repenting of this church's complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas;

With:

To repudiate explicitly and clearly the European-derived doctrine of discovery as an example of the "improper mixing of the power of the church and the power of the sword" (Augsburg Confession Article XXVIII, Latin text), and to acknowledge and repent from this church's complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, which continue to harm tribal governments and individual tribal members;

2. Category C2: Justice for the Holy Land Through Responsible Investment
pg. 105

To amend by addition the third paragraph which begins, "To direct the ELCA's Corporate Social Responsibility ..." with,

...and, in the case of Israel and Palestine, specifically based on the concerns raised in the ELCA Middle East Strategy.