

"OFFERING OF LETTERS"

- 1 **WHEREAS** the ELCA witnesses to the Lordship of Christ by taking up the cause of hungry,  
2 homeless and vulnerable people in our country and throughout the world, and  
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4 **WHEREAS** in the Affirmation of Baptism we hear a call to "strive for justice and peace in all  
5 the earth", and  
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7 **WHEREAS** the ELCA, through its Program Unit on Church in Society, has established twenty  
8 Public Policy Offices in the United States to do advocacy ministry in the public policy arena, and  
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10 **WHEREAS** one of the ways our Washington State Lutheran Public Policy Office encourages  
11 congregations to advocate in the public policy arena is by participating in an "Offering of  
12 Letters" to public officials at the local, state and federal levels; urging their support of legislation  
13 that serves the cause of justice, peace and the common good,  
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the voting members and guests attending this  
16 Assembly be invited to act on their baptismal calling to advocate justice and peace in the public  
17 arena by participating in an "Offering of Letters" during this Assembly.

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