

HOPE ALONE

2026 Metro D.C. Synod Assembly
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gaithersburg
Saturday, June 6



METRO D.C. SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
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Resolution Number: 2026 – 005

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Title: To End the Iran War

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- Whereas,** the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Social Statement “For Peace in God’s World” affirms that we are called to be peacemakers: proclaiming the Gospel of God’s final peace while working for an earthly peace, and acknowledging that all citizens share in this responsibility; and
- Whereas,** Jesus does not teach violence to resolve conflict, and the Gospel proclaims that followers of Christ should be peaceful people; and
- Whereas,** linking the cross with the American flag is idolatry, which is contrary to the teachings of Christianity; and
- Whereas,** the current illegal war against Iran is in violation of the United Nations Charter (Article 2, paragraph 4) and the Constitution of the United States (Article 1, section 8); therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod in assembly condemns the war with Iran; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod encourage people and congregations to pray for a peaceful end of the conflict and the humane care for all those affected; and, be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Bishop and Synod Council call on the President of the United States to end the war and seek a peaceful solution.