

Land Acknowledgement

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has committed to addressing injustices against Indigenous peoples through its “Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery” (2016) and its “Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People” (2021) (“the Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, the Declaration states, “We commit to supporting Tribal nations in their work to preserve their languages, and we commit to begin the practice of land acknowledgements at all expressions of this church.”¹; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA has not adopted a land acknowledgement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Synod Council of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA adopt a land acknowledgement and display it on the synod’s Website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA encourage its congregations, social ministry organizations, and campus ministries to develop and display a land acknowledgement on their respective Websites.

Approved for submission by the Northwest Conference of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA.

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¹https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Declaration_to_American_Indian_Alaska_Native.pdf