

Evangelical Lutheran Church of **America**

Policy Statement, For Peace in God's World 1995, Adopted 1996

Affirms commitment to "Promote respect for human rights. 'Recognition of the inherent dignity of and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.' These words from the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) are consistent with our understanding of humans created in God's image. Human Rights provide a common universal standard of justice for living with our differences, and they give moral and legal standing to the individual in the international community."

"In support for international cooperation, we:

- Advocate increased respect for and adherence to international law;
- support creation of an International Criminal Court, which would hold individuals accountable for violations of international law, for example, in cases of genocide and war crimes; ..."