

## U.S. Constitution Amendment Resolution

**WHEREAS** Lutherans care about government because it is a gift from God intended for the safety and flourishing of human life, and

**WHEREAS** The ELCA holds to the biblical idea (Jeremiah 29:7) that God calls people to be active citizens and to ensure that all people benefit from the good of government,

**WHEREAS**, Jesus was born, lived, and died in a political climate influenced by rulers such as Caesar, Herod, and Pontius Pilate, and we are his followers should work for a better working democracy,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we stand with United to Amend and communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to clarify that:

1. Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights — not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore limiting political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.

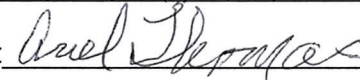
**FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of this congregation send a resolution to our local Synod - asking our Synod to request the ELCA Church to pass a resolution calling for the amendment, and calling on all Church congregations, and Synods to pass resolutions similar to this one.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that, individuals and/or congregations will work together with our state and federal legislators to get a constitutional amendment passed to limit money in politics.

RESOLUTION APPROVED: 22 April 2024 (Date)

Pastor  (signature of approving authority)

JOHN J. TABARA (name of approving authority, printed)

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