

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A US CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT MONEY IN POLITICS 2024

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

WHEREAS, We as Lutherans are called to love and care for our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable, as we live in a current system of money in politics that undervalues the voice of people without wealth and;

WHEREAS, This is a democracy issue, not a partisan issue, and;

WHEREAS, We are reminded of Luther's teachings to reclaim our role as citizens addressing economic and social injustices, and;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod call on all individuals and congregations of the Synod to educate themselves on the issues of money in politics and our role as Lutherans by holding educational events at congregational and synod levels, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Synod, through the appropriate teams, committees, and individuals, will advocate for economic justice by working with "Wisconsin United to Amend," and communities across the state, 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,

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the La Crosse Area Synod Assembly urges individuals and congregations to work together with our state and federal legislators in order to get a constitutional amendment passed to limit money in politics.

Resolution submitted on March 21, 2024 to the La Crosse Area Synod by Leanna Olson-Taunt of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI

- Comes to the assembly with **no recommendation** from the La Crosse Area Synod Council

Note from Reference and Counsel:

- For more information on "Wisconsin United to Amend," see wiuta.org