Resolution 2017:01: Act to end Human Trafficking

On the matter of acting to end human trafficking, the Committee on Reference and Counsel recommended amendments to the resolutions (amendments are in bold).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that January 11 through February 4, 2018 be established as a time of prayer in the congregations of the ELCA to end human trafficking, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Women of the ELCA work to end human trafficking and support its victims using resources such as ELCA ministry Cherish All Children’s mission model: Pray, Educate, Connect, and Act (cherishallchildren.org), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the ELCA educate themselves and others about warning signs that someone may be being trafficked and what to do about it using resources such as Women of the ELCA’s Understanding and Responding to Human Trafficking, the ELCA’s six part Human Trafficking Learning Series for youth and adults, Wisconsin Crime Victims Council 2015 “Ten Things You Can Do Today to help Fight Human Trafficking,” or your state’s website on Human Trafficking and the Polaris Project (polarisproject.org), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that women of the ELCA connect with others fighting human trafficking such as local and regional task forces and service groups including Lutheran Social Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that synodical women’s organization presidents report what they have done to fight human trafficking and support its victims at the 2019 Conference of Presidents.

The convention voted: 292 aye, 4 no.