



ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT: CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH

The church should not be preaching “politics” from the pulpit.

I have heard this concern expressed many times by individuals from multiple congregations, and it begs the question: How should the church address “politics”, recognizing that “politics”, the policies, structures, and laws of government, have a huge impact on every aspect of our lives and the lives of our neighbors?

How as Lutherans should we understand our relationship to civic life, including government, both as individuals and as a church body? After studying these questions for the past three years, a social statement task force of ELCA has posted a draft social statement on civic life and faith.

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7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Online via Zoom

Registration: Free



Prior to being elected bishop of the Central States Synod in 2019, Rev. Susan Candea had over 30 years of parish ministry experience and 6 years on synod staff. She has been involved in many aspects of ministry throughout the church including advocacy work, campus ministry, youth gatherings, community organizing, interfaith and ecumenical work.

Social statements are important documents because they govern church teaching and policies, and support ministries. They also serve as discernment tools for ELCA members as they think about social issues such as civic life.

You are invited to join Bishop Candea for a discussion of the latest social statement. These conversations are timely as we enter into an election year. You will find the draft statement on the ELCA website, www.elca.org/civicsandfaith

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