



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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## **What topics does the *Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality* address?**

### **Justice Issues**

“...in addition, certain laws and economic realities in this society create extreme economic hardship for many, including senior citizens, who desire to be legally married. This church calls for altering laws and factors that create economic disadvantage for those who desire to enter into marriage” (pg. 35).

“This church calls for the adoption of preventive measures including education programs, appropriate policies, and screening of persons who care for, supervise, or work with children” (pg.25).

“This church must seek to influence social forces such as mass media and commercial marketing in ways that contribute to sexual health. Christian responsibility includes naming these systemic forces and monitoring the ways in which they constrain or support healthy individual choices” (pg. 42).

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Social Statements guide policy in the ELCA and the Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality is looking for your feedback on the draft. To read more of the *Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality* and to respond to the task force please visit:

<http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney>