

Genetics Social Statement Timeline 2005 – 2011 (working)

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www.elca.org/socialstatements/genetics

This timeline lists key events and activities in the process and that leads to consideration by the 2011 Churchwide Assembly of an ELCA social statement on genetics.

*Milestones are marked in **bold**.*

2005

August

Churchwide Assembly authorizes development of a social statement on genetics.

2006

Church in Society's Department for Studies carries out preliminary work toward hosting a consultation and establishing a task force.

2007

January 20-21

ELCA Consultation on genetics

June 1-3

Task Force Meeting #1

Summer/Fall

Listening Posts held throughout church by task force.

October 19-21

Task force meeting #2

2008

Winter

Additional listening posts

February 22-23

Task force meeting #3.

May 3

Task force meets online

September. 12-14

Task force meeting #4

November. 1

Study on genetics published for response from throughout the church.

2009

April 17-18

Task force meeting #5

August

Churchwide Assembly (Report)

November 1

Responses to study on genetics due

November 6-8

Task force meeting #6

ELCA Social Statement on Genetics

--Working timeline--

(Note: Bold indicates social statement milestones)

2010

January

Task force meeting #7

March

DRAFT of social statement on genetics published for response

Spring to Fall

Hearings held throughout the church on draft of genetics social statement

November 1

Deadline for responses to social statement draft

Fall

Task force meeting #8

2011

January/February

Task force meets and “signs off” on a PROPOSED social statement on genetics with accompanying implementing resolutions.

March

Church in Society program committee advises the program unit for Church in Society regarding the text of the proposed social statement on genetics and its implementing resolutions.

Executive director of Church in Society recommends the proposed social statement on genetics and its implementing resolutions to ELCA Church Council.

April

ELCA Church Council reviews text and acts to recommend a social statement on genetics with accompanying implementing resolutions and directs that these be placed on the Churchwide Assembly agenda.

August

Churchwide Assembly considers RECOMMENDED social statement and implementing resolutions for adoption.

November

ELCA social statement published (Spanish translation to follow)

2012

August

Study guide to social statement on genetics published by program unit for Church in Society.