

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social statement that addresses issues in criminal justice. The 2013 Churchwide Assembly, it is anticipated, will consider the proposed social statement. Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice is a study written by the Criminal Justice Task Force of the ELCA and published by the ELCA. It is an invitation to join this church's moral deliberation on a major social issue that not only affects millions of our neighbors whom we are called by God to love and serve, but also many in our congregations. Your participation is crucial.

You can get a single, complimentary copy of the study by calling the ELCA Resource Information Center at 800-638-3522. For a small fee, you may order multiple copies for your chaplaincy by calling the same number. You can also download copies from our Web site.<http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements-in-Process/Criminal-Justice/Study-Document.aspx>"