

**Resolution of the Council of Advent Lutheran Church  
Supporting Pastor Ward Misenheimer in Social Justice Work**

WHEREAS Jesus calls us to participate in building God's reign here on earth by struggling for justice and peace and by challenging unjust political and social systems. *"Strive first for the reign of God and God's justice."* (Matthew 6:33); and

WHEREAS the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) approved a *Declaration to People of African Descent* on June 27, 2019 that includes an apology for our complicity in slavery, lamenting the white church's perpetuation of racism; and

WHEREAS this declaration encourages us to engage in anti-racism and racial justice work, work toward economic justice, including the study of reparations; and

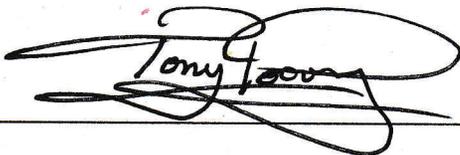
WHEREAS Advent Lutheran Church has a rich history and legacy of engagement in social justice work through the leadership of many pastors who encouraged our involvement in the public sphere as a way of seeking God's reign and God's justice; and

WHEREAS our pastor, Ward Misenheimer, wrote a letter to the membership of Advent Lutheran Church dated June 4, 2020, whereby he declared his intention to publicly stand for justice, especially in the area of protesting racist systems; and

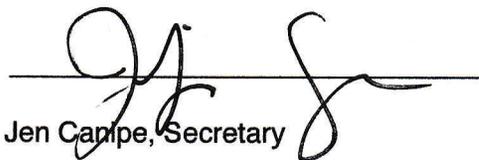
WHEREAS the Council of Advent Lutheran Church wishes to publicly stand with Pastor Ward and encourage him as he models ways for us to follow Jesus in working for social justice; therefore be it

1. RESOLVED, that the Council of Advent Lutheran Church unanimously encourages, affirms and supports Pastor Ward in speaking, preaching, writing, counseling, and participating in public events that proclaim God's coming kingdom in word, deed, and symbolic action.
2. RESOLVED, that the Council of Advent Lutheran Church unanimously invites our church community to prayerfully open our hearts and minds to discern how God's Spirit is leading us to continue our struggle for justice and peace, both individually and as a community, especially in regards to racial justice work.

Date: June 28, 2020



Tony Poovey, President



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