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Dear partners in ministry,

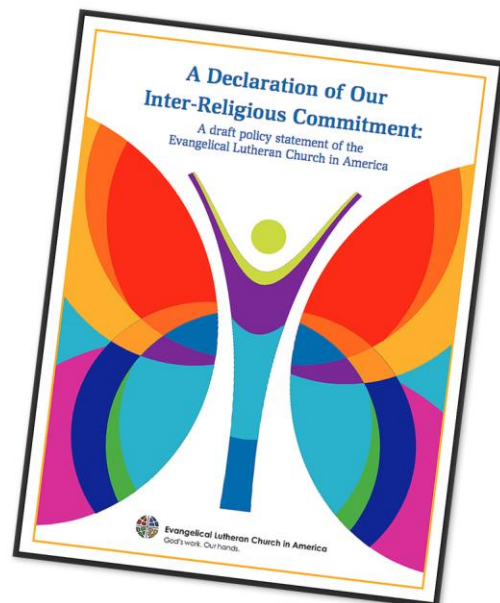
From now until the end of June, individuals and groups across the ELCA are invited to participate in responding to the draft ELCA policy statement, "[A Declaration of Our Inter-Religious Commitment.](#)"

Please consider how you might take the lead in sharing this invitation and in convening people to participate in the process in your particular ministry setting.

You can download the [draft policy statement](#) and participate in the [online survey](#). On page 5 of the statement, you will find tips and ideas for participating.

The draft policy statement was developed by an inter-religious task force appointed by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton in 2016 and chaired by Bishop Patricia Lull. The draft presents a common, theological basis and practical framework for this church's inter-religious relations, taking into consideration our varied ministry contexts, challenges and opportunities.

The input shared across the church over the next six months will inform revisions to the document before it goes to the ELCA Church Council for possible recommendation to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. If adopted, the policy statement would complement "[A Declaration of Ecumenical Commitment: A Policy Statement of the](#)



[ELCA](#)," adopted by the second churchwide assembly in 1991.

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In partnership,

Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations

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