

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

CR12.04.A99. SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the social upheavals of our time and the growing gap between rich and poor have been especially damaging to the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, we prepare for the new millennium, we must assure the youngest and most vulnerable members of our world have a future; and

WHEREAS, we long for children to be free from fear and to live in faith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA (hereafter church) commits itself to be a “safe haven” for all children and their families and caregivers, and supports our Safe Haven for Children Ministry (B12.15.02.g.) which shall strive to:

1. Build Christ-centered, positive, trusting relationships that nurture the healthy growth of children and strengthen families.
2. Use our resources to provide a sanctuary for children.
3. Create a Gospel-centered, faith-based teaching and learning environment of hospitality that welcomes all children with their families and caregivers.
4. Develop programs and places that help children to flourish.
5. Collaborate with other faith communities, agencies, and service organizations that work for the well-being of children in our community.
6. Work with the government for more public measures that support the well-being of children.
7. Support the efforts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to meet the basic needs of children through Lutheran social ministry organizations, as they provide caring services for children, and through the ELCA World Hunger Program, which carries our concerns for children throughout the world.