



# Justice for Women

## Tapestry Thread Resources & Information

### ELCA Churchwide & Virginia General Resources:

- ELCA Justice for Women Program <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Justice-for-Women>
- ELCA Women's Justice resource page: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women>
- ELCA Survey on Women's Ordination Concerns: <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Justice-for-Women#Ordination>
- ELCA Rostered Women of Color, "God's Faithfulness on the Journey," [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Gods\\_Faithfulness\\_on\\_the\\_Journey.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Gods_Faithfulness_on_the_Journey.pdf)
- ELCA 2022 Declaration to American Indian and Alaska Native People [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Declaration\\_to\\_American\\_Indian\\_Alaska\\_Native.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Declaration_to_American_Indian_Alaska_Native.pdf)
- ELCA Churchwide Assembly 2022 Recognition of Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, the first Native American Woman Ordained in the Lutheran Church <https://www.gcsynod.org/news/cwa-2022-declaration-of-the-elca-to-american-indian-and-alaska-native-people>
- WELCA: Women of the ELCA <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>
- Lutheran Services in America <https://lutheranservices.org>
- Virginia Synod Women's Organization <http://vswowebly.com/>
- Virginia Chapter, National Organization for Women <https://vanow.org/about-us/core-issues>





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### Global Resources:

- Lutheran World Federation Women's Empowerment & Gender Justice Network <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/women-church-and-society>
- Lutheran World Federation Global Justice for Women: Gender Justice Policy [https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTPW-WICAS\\_Gender\\_Justice.pdf](https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/DTPW-WICAS_Gender_Justice.pdf)

### Sexual Violence & Abuse Prevention

- ELCA Gender-based Violence Social Message: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Gender-Violence>
- ELCA Social Message, "Commercial Sexual Exploitation" <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Commercial-Sexual-Exploitation>
- Thursdays in Black: World Council of Churches effort to address rape and sexual violence against women <https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black>
- Thursdays in Black Order Pins from Old Lutheran: <https://oldlutheran.com/products/copy-of-thursdays-in-black-button-2-25-inches>
- Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (links to local shelters, family services and legal services) <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/human-trafficking/virginia-human-trafficking-resource-guide>
- Virginia Stop Violence Against Women (VSTOP) <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grants/violence-against-women-v-stop>
- Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance <https://vsdvalliance.org>



### Human Trafficking Victim Recovery & Information

- FreeKind: non-profit based in Hampton Roads, VA dedicated to providing survivors of human trafficking the support they need.  
<https://www.freekindva.org>
- Samaritan House: provides housing and services for victims.  
<https://samaritanhouseva.org/hidden-in-plain-sight/>
- National Human Trafficking Hotline & Commonwealth of Virginia Statistics  
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/virginia>
- Madgalene House/Thistle Farms: A residential/vocational program to assist women as they transition from life on the streets or recover from addiction/human trafficking; residents make candles, essential oils and other products for sale to benefit the program: <https://thistlefarms.org> Video about Thistle Farms: <https://vimeo.com/415741213>

### Support Women in Business:

- Kiva Micro Loans to Women in Third World Nations:  
<https://www.kiva.org/lend-by-category/women>
- SWaM: Small Women-Owned and Minority-Owned Business in Virginia  
<https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/certification-division/swam/>

