

Redeemer Lutheran Church Condemns the Conscription of Women


WHEREAS, on December 3rd, 2015, the U.S. Department of Defense announced that all U.S. military combat positions have been opened up to women, and detailed legal analysis has already been undertaken by the Department of Defense, in consultation with the Department of Justice, concerning the legal implications of requiring women to register for the Selective Service; and

WHEREAS, the conscription of women, especially in view of their inclusion into all combat positions in the U.S. Armed Forces, is not in accordance with God's order of creation (Gen. 1-2; 1 Cor. 11), in which men are to be the self-sacrificial heads and protectors of women, laying down their lives for them as Christ laid down His life for His Church (Ephesians 5:25), and showing honor to them (1 Peter 3:7), which is further confirmed and testified to by the exclusion of women from combat duty and conscription throughout the Scriptures (Num. 1, Joshua 1:14, Deut. 20, Deut. 22, etc.); and


WHEREAS, we would be negligent if we did not defend the women of the Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS) Ft. Wayne, Indiana and prepare for the serious possibility that women of the United States will be required to participate in the selective service system and a possible draft; therefore be it

Resolved, that Redeemer Lutheran Church condemns the conscription of women, in particular, by means of participation in the selective service system and a possible draft, as it is a confusion of God's order of creation; and be it finally

Resolved, That Redeemer Lutheran Church supports those who have a religious and moral objection to women participating in the selective service system and being subject to a possible draft.



Signature of Chairman



Signature of Secretary