

Justice and Advocacy Committee • The Lehigh Conference of Churches

STATEMENT ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT*

Crime and violence, so overwhelming in human society, demand our attention and, often, we respond with anger, wanting vengeance. The death penalty is the ultimate punishment.

In Romans 12:17, we read “Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.”

God’s justice, for all of us, is restorative. God’s grace finds what is good and noble in each of us.

The Justice and Advocacy Committee of The Lehigh Conference of Churches is committed to restorative justice that offers healing to those who are hurting and a chance for redemption for those caught in the criminal justice system. We oppose the death penalty and urge the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to abolish capital punishment.

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