

PLIGHT OF FARM WORKERS IN COACHELLA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
A Resolution Approved by General Synod IX (1973)

The Ninth General Synod takes note of the plight of the farm workers in Coachella Valley, Cal., and of the crisis that has arisen as a result of violence there. As its response to the crisis, the General Synod affirms:

1. the right of farm workers to organize;
2. free and supervised elections; and
3. non-violence as a means for achieving these ends. Further, the General Synod as a sign of its commitment to these affirmations sends a delegation to the Coachella Valley to give physical and visible witness to this commitment.
4. If a plane is chartered to implement #3 above, the delegation shall (a) be selected through Conferences and through the President's office from among both delegates and visitors, and (b) each pilgrim shall sign a waiver of claim in case of any injury caused by activity in the vicinity of Coachella Valley.

The Ninth General Synod directs the Executive Council to underwrite the cost of the trip. Delegates, visitors, Conferences, Instrumentalities and those on the pilgrimage are urged to subscribe to the cost of the trip.

Those who make the pilgrimage must be at least 21 years old and will commit themselves to discipline as exercised by the designated leadership and spokespersons.