

1 **RESOLUTION ON ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT**
2 **QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
3 **Approved AS Amended**

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5 **A Resolution of Witness**
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7 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

8 WHEREAS, the senior population in the United States will double by 2030; and

9 WHEREAS, senior homelessness is projected to grow 33% by 2020 and 50% by 2050; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 202 provides quality affordable housing to just over 300,000 extremely
11 low-income seniors throughout the US; and

12 WHEREAS, not one dollar was provided for new developments in 2012 and the 2013 funding is
13 being debated; and

14 WHEREAS, there are over ten persons on waiting lists nationally for every housing unit which
15 becomes available; and

16 WHEREAS, there is currently a gap of 5 ½ million units of quality, affordable housing for
17 families; and

18 WHEREAS, the low-income housing tax credits help to address that gap; and

19 WHEREAS, the low-income housing tax credit program may come up for negotiation; and

20 WHEREAS, quality affordable housing for seniors, families and persons living with disabilities
21 is very beneficial to our nation, creates significant savings in other parts of our federal and state
22 budgets, and addresses the Biblical mandate to provide for “the least of these;”

23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-Ninth General Synod of the United
24 Church of Christ calls upon all United Church of Christ conferences, congregations, members
25 and friends, along with the Covenanted and Associated Ministries of the church’s National
26 Setting, to express to the federal Administration and to members of the United States Congress
27 support for:

- 28 • restoration of ongoing and robust funding for new construction of quality affordable
29 housing under HUD Section 202 and Section 811; and,
30 • for the continuation and strengthening of the low-income housing tax credit program.

31 **FUNDING**

32 The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the
33 overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

35 **IMPLEMENTATION**

36 The Collegium of Officers, in consultation with the appropriate ministries or other entities within
37 the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.