

50 5:9) Through Christ, God has called us to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18), that we
51 might be builders of the beloved community and resisters of those forces that divide, destroy, and
52 perpetuate human enmity.

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54 Knowing that true security comes only from seeking first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33), Jesus
55 Christ sought the well-being of others while showing little concern for his own personal security. Thus,
56 he declared, “Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake,
57 and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” (Mark 8:35)

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59 **RESOLUTION**

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61 Whereas, the United States holds the largest arsenal of weapons of mass destruction and is, in fact, the
62 only country to have used them against another; and

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64 Whereas, the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by the United States Senate
65 would be a major step forward in global efforts to curb nuclear proliferation and pursue nuclear
66 disarmament; and

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68 Whereas, at the 2000 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, the United States made the
69 commitment to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty as one of the thirteen steps towards
70 nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament; and

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72 Whereas, at the heart of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty is the obligation “not to carry out
73 any nuclear weapon test explosion or any other nuclear explosion” as well as a rigorous verification
74 regime; and

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76 Whereas, the time is long past for the United States to take leadership in calling for the comprehensive,
77 unequivocal, and verifiable ban on all nuclear weapons testing;

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79 Therefore, be it resolved, that the Twenty-eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ
80 encourages its members, congregations, and various settings to call on the United States Senate to
81 ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty as one of its most important foreign policy priorities
82 in Congress.

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84 **FUNDING**

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86 Funding for the implementation of this resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates
87 of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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90 **IMPLEMENTATION**

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92 Justice and Witness Ministries is requested to implement this resolution.