

1 RESOLUTION ON THE ROLES OF CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT IN ADDRESSING  
2 THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

3 APPROVED

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5 Therefore let it be resolved ~~the Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United Church of~~  
6 ~~Christ recognize the breadth and depth of the present global food crisis that~~ that as people  
7 of Christ, called to “feed the hungry”, the Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United  
8 Church of Christ, grieves at the breadth, depth and inequities of the present global food  
9 crisis.

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11 **Be it further resolved** that Wider Church Ministries and Justice and Witness Ministries are  
12 requested to produce resources to help United Church of Christ congregations understand this  
13 global food crisis.

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15 **Be it further resolved** that Wider Church Ministries and Justice and Witness Ministries are  
16 requested to find ways to help United Church of Christ congregations advocate for more just  
17 policies that will lead to food security and sovereignty.

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19 **Be it further resolved** that United Church of Christ congregations are called ~~on~~ to study ways in  
20 which our consumerism leads to food insecurity. ~~And how we can change our consumerist~~  
21 ~~ways in order to create a more food secure world.~~ Such study would include, but not be  
22 limited to: the removal of land from agricultural production for corporate or private use,  
23 and our high demand for meat and other animal products.

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25 Be it further resolved that United Church of Christ congregations study and act upon ways  
26 to change our consumerist behaviors with the goal of creating a more food secure world.

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28 **Be it further resolved** ~~that we advocate for strengthening sustainable agriculture practices,~~  
29 ~~such as biodiversity, drip irrigation, organic inputs and soil conservation practices.~~ that all  
30 settings of the United Church of Christ are called to advocate for strengthening sustainable  
31 agricultural and fishing practices.

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33 **Be it further resolved** that we advocate on behalf of ~~family farms~~ all those in our local  
34 communities and globally, whose vocational call is rooted in the harvest and production of  
35 food for the global family.

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37 **Be it further resolved** that we advocate for stronger regulations on ~~futures speculation~~  
38 agricultural commodities futures speculation and fair and just distribution of food costs.

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40 **FUNDING**

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

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44 **IMPLEMENTATION**

45 Justice and Witness Ministries and Wider Church Ministries are requested to implement this  
46 resolution.