RESISTING ACTIONS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE THE STATUS
OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY
Approved As Amended

A Resolution of Witness

TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS previous General Synods of the United Church of Christ have affirmed the value
and dignity of women in the church and society and called for an end to sexism and the
WHEREAS recent and ongoing political conversation and legislative action across the country is
leading to the loss of many of the significant advances toward full equality for women;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of
Christ calls on National Staff of the United Church of Christ, Conferences, Associations, and
Congregations to reaffirm the belief that societal distinctions which create an inferior-superior
relationship among genders is contrary to the will of God; to bear witness to that belief by
standing vigilant with and actively supporting women; to resist the reemerging cultural forces
working to subjugate women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognizing that the political conversations and legislative
actions often begin with groups that attribute their attempts to subjugate women to Christian
beliefs, the Twenty-ninth Synod of the United Church of Christ calls on the National staff of the
United Church of Christ, Conferences, Associations and Congregations to
• publicly address and challenge policies, ideologies, and theologies that promote the
  inferiority and subjugation of women
• proclaim the biblical vision of oneness and equality in Christ
• encourage and work with other denominations, ecumenical, and interfaith partners to do
  the same
• empower and resource conference, state and national UCC policy advocates to ensure
  legislation which assures women equal pay, a full range of health care choices and
  services, including Title X and Planned Parenthood, and recognizes a woman’s right to
  make decisions about her own reproductive health.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of
Christ calls on National Staff of the United Church of Christ, and urges Conferences,
Associations, and Congregations to recognize and address gender inequality and discrimination
where they exist within the Church itself, in systems and communities in all expressions of the
United Church of Christ. We call upon the Church to increase its efforts to model gender
equality in all expressions of the United Church of Christ.

FUNDING

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

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