

1                   **RESISTING ACTIONS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE THE STATUS**  
2                   **OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY**  
3                   **Approved As Amended**

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5                   **A Resolution of Witness**

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7                   **TEXT OF THE MOTION**  
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9                   WHEREAS previous General Synods of the United Church of Christ have affirmed the value  
10                  and dignity of women in the church and society and called for an end to sexism and the  
11                  consequences of patriarchy (1969, 1983, 1989, 1991, 1995) and

12                 WHEREAS recent and ongoing political conversation and legislative action across the country is  
13                 leading to the loss of many of the significant advances toward full equality for women;

14                 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of  
15                 Christ calls on National Staff of the United Church of Christ, Conferences, Associations, and  
16                 Congregations to reaffirm the belief that societal distinctions which create an inferior-superior  
17                 relationship among genders is contrary to the will of God; to bear witness to that belief by  
18                 standing vigilant with and actively supporting women; to resist the reemerging cultural forces  
19                 working to subjugate women.

20                 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognizing that the political conversations and legislative  
21                 actions often begin with groups that attribute their attempts to subjugate women to Christian  
22                 beliefs, the Twenty-ninth Synod of the United Church of Christ calls on the National staff of the  
23                 United Church of Christ, Conferences, Associations and Congregations to

- 24                 • publicly address and challenge policies, ideologies, and theologies that promote the
- 25                 inferiority and subjugation of women
- 26                 • proclaim the biblical vision of oneness and equality in Christ
- 27                 • encourage and work with other denominations, ecumenical, and interfaith partners to do
- 28                 the same
- 29                 • empower and resource conference, state and national UCC policy advocates to ensure
- 30                 legislation which assures women equal pay, a full range of health care choices and
- 31                 services, including Title X and Planned Parenthood, and recognizes a woman's right to
- 32                 make decisions about her own reproductive health.

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

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40                 **FUNDING**  
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42                 Funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance with the overall  
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45 **IMPLEMENTATION**

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