A RESOLUTION ON ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Approved at Submitted

A Prudential Resolution

TEXT OF MOTION

WHEREAS, the gospel of Jesus Christ unites the followers of Christ in a single community of
faith and compels us to make our unity visible so “that the world may believe…” John 17:21;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Canada are united and
uniting churches with multiple denominational streams which identify them and shape their
Christian self-understanding;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ have common
commitment to the visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ and to the one ecumenical
movement;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ have common
Congregational and Reformed heritage and sit in common witness to mission, worship,
thetical conversation and commitment to justice;

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Canada have engaged in
dialogue and have identified similarities and differences that can commonly strengthen who they
are and their witness in North America as united and united churches;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the twenty-ninth General Synod United Church of Christ
recognize the United Church of Canada as an ecumenical partner;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ
mutually commit to forming the United Church Ecumenical Partnership Committee, an
ecuminal partnership committee of ten (10) persons – five from each communion;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United Church Ecumenical Partnership Committee
brings back to the thirtieth General Synod recommendations for further steps and activities to
bring the two communions toward full communion and visible unity.

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.