RESOLUTION ON ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Approved AS Amended

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TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS, the senior population in the United States will double by 2030; and

WHEREAS, senior homelessness is projected to grow 33% by 2020 and 50% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Section 202 provides quality affordable housing to just over 300,000 extremely low-income seniors throughout the US; and

WHEREAS, not one dollar was provided for new developments in 2012 and the 2013 funding is being debated; and

WHEREAS, there are over ten persons on waiting lists nationally for every housing unit which becomes available; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a gap of 5 ½ million units of quality, affordable housing for families; and

WHEREAS, the low-income housing tax credits help to address that gap; and

WHEREAS, the low-income housing tax credit program may come up for negotiation; and

WHEREAS, quality affordable housing for seniors, families and persons living with disabilities is very beneficial to our nation, creates significant savings in other parts of our federal and state budgets, and addresses the Biblical mandate to provide for “the least of these;”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-Ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon all United Church of Christ conferences, congregations, members and friends, along with the Covenanted and Associated Ministries of the church’s National Setting, to express to the federal Administration and to members of the United States Congress support for:

- restoration of ongoing and robust funding for new construction of quality affordable housing under HUD Section 202 and Section 811; and,

- for the continuation and strengthening of the low-income housing tax credit program.

FUNDING

The 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 the appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.