THE UNITED SAMOAN MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A HISTORICALLY
UNDERREPRESENTED GROUP AND MEMBER OF THE
COUNCIL FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINISTRIES
Approved As Amended

A Prudential Resolution

TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS: The Nineteenth General Synod adopted the "Statement of Christian Conviction of the Proposed Pronouncement Calling the United Church of Christ to be a Multiracial and Multicultural Church," and

WHEREAS: the Samoan churches have been related to COREM through PAAM from its inception, and

WHEREAS: PAAM's 16 ethnicities have always been hospitable and inclusive of their Samoan partners, nevertheless, Samoans feel they have sufficiently unique needs and experiences to have a separate voice in COREM, and

WHEREAS: Southern California PAAM has voted to support this request.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ recognizes that the five streams of Samoan ministries have been historically underrepresented in the United Church of Christ.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod supports the creation of the United Samoan Ministries as an Historically Underrepresented Group of the United Church of Christ.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Council (or its successor body) consider a change in bylaws that would grant the United Samoan Ministries a seat at the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM) table.

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.