

29 05-GS-27 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution “Another World Is Possible: A Peace with
30 Justice Movement in the United Church of Christ”

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32 **ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE: A PEACE WITH JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED**
33 **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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35 WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has a long history of advocacy in social and environmental justice
36 movements; and

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38 WHEREAS, the General Synod has adopted numerous social justice oriented identity Resolutions and
39 Pronouncements such as Calling Upon the United Church of Christ to Become Open and Affirming, Calling Upon
40 the United Church of Christ to Become a Multiracial and Multicultural Church, Pronouncement on Being a Just
41 Peace Church, Calling Upon the United Church of Christ to Be Accessible to All, Calling Upon the United Church
42 of Christ to Become an Anti-Racist Church; and

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44 WHEREAS, General Synod 24 affirmed the World Council of Churches’ Decade to Overcome Violence and
45 encouraged our churches to become involved in the Decade; and

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47 WHEREAS, we affirm the reality that peace cannot be possible if injustice of any kind exists; and

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49 WHEREAS, faithful efforts to transform unjust conditions and social inequities, such as: work to end racism; to
50 address the destruction of the environment; to end violence against women; to seek women’s full equality in society;
51 to make all places accessible to all people; to address the devastating effects of globalization; to end human rights
52 violations, violence, and discrimination; to end poverty; and to provide equal opportunities for meaningful work,
53 safe communities, full access to medical care, and quality public education for all children, contribute to the creation
54 of a culture of non-violence and peace; and

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1 WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ is a recognized Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of the United
2 Nations and participates as such to address global issues and advocates for initiatives to bring peace and justice in
3 the world;

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5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ supports a
6 denomination-wide peace with justice movement among our Local Churches, Associations, Conferences and the
7 national setting which promotes a multi-issue, multi-racial, and multicultural approach to justice and peacemaking in
8 the belief that another world is possible; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Local Churches and Conferences who are or seek to be identified as Just Peace,
11 Open and Affirming, Accessible to All, Whole Earth, and/or Multiracial and Multicultural are affirmed in these
12 identifications; moreover, we recognize Local Churches and Conferences who have not adopted such identities as
13 full and active partners in a peace with justice movement in the UCC; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while Justice and Witness Ministries will facilitate and celebrate the connection
16 and current work of the Local Churches participating in justice issues, it is every Local Church’s opportunity and
17 responsibility to add its distinctive contributions to the peace with justice movement within its local, regional, and
18 global contexts; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Justice and Witness Ministries will provide primary coordination at the national
21 setting in collaboration with the other Covenanted, Associated and Affiliated Ministries, to be a resource for the
22 development and expansion of a peace with justice movement among all settings of the UCC; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a peace with justice movement also embraces the leadership of UCC member
25 initiated networks and organizations (such as the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries and Mental Illness
26 Network, the United Church of Christ Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, the Council
27 for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries and its member bodies,

28 Christians for Justice Action, the Network for Environmental and Economic Responsibility, and others) as partners
29 in creating a culture of non-violence and peace; and

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31 FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that this peace with justice movement will be intentionally intergenerational, seeking
32 to call upon the leadership of children, youth and adults of all ages.

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