

RESOLUTION: JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

WHEREAS the present administration has slowed down the reunification of North and South Korea;

WHEREAS with the advent of the current advisors to the President, the United States government is moving towards a cold war mentality;

WHEREAS the present administration is pursuing a missile defense system that threatens to undo the nuclear proliferation treaties;

WHEREAS the present administration is not abiding by the commitments of the Kyoto Environmental Summit to reduce carbon dioxide emissions which would reduce global warming and therefore preserve island nations in the Pacific Ocean;

WHEREAS the incidents with the Ehime Maru, the intelligence plane's accident over Chinese territory, and the nuclear submarine docking in Japan without the agreement of a twenty-four hour notice, all point to the deterioration of relationship with these Asian Countries;

WHEREAS the United Nations has called on the United States and other nations with interest in Pacific Nations to decolonize and to set these nations free;

WHEREAS the General Synod, having discerned that God wants the United Church of Christ to be a church working for justice and peace and, therefore, have adopted many resolutions regarding East Asia, Southern Asia, and the Pacific; and

WHEREAS the General Synod has proclaimed that the integrity of creation is what God wants, and has adopted resolutions to combat global warming;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls on the Justice and Witness Ministries and the Wider Church Ministries to study the resolutions of past General Synods regarding East Asia, Southern Asia, and the Pacific Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ, calls on the Covenanted Ministries of the United Church of Christ to continue to implement these resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Covenanted Ministries of the United Church of Christ report progress to each meeting of the Executive Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Collegium of Officers of the United Church of Christ write to the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States, the secretary of defense and the secretary of state, expressing the General Synod's

position on these crucial issues; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Twenty-third General Synod calls on the United Church of Christ in all its settings to become more aware of the critical nature of the Asia and the Pacific regions and to take action to promote the integrity of creation, justice, and peace in those regions.