RESOLUTION ON THE ROLES OF CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT IN ADDRESSING
THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

APPROVED

Therefore let it be resolved that the Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ recognize the breadth and depth of the present global food crisis. That as people of Christ, called to “feed the hungry”, the Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, grieves at the breadth, depth and inequities of the present global food crisis.

Be it further resolved that Wider Church Ministries and Justice and Witness Ministries are requested to produce resources to help United Church of Christ congregations understand this global food crisis.

Be it further resolved that Wider Church Ministries and Justice and Witness Ministries are requested to find ways to help United Church of Christ congregations advocate for more just policies that will lead to food security and sovereignty.

Be it further resolved that United Church of Christ congregations are called on to study ways in which our consumerism leads to food insecurity. And how we can change our consumerist ways in order to create a more food secure world. Such study would include, but not be limited to: the removal of land from agricultural production for corporate or private use, and our high demand for meat and other animal products.

Be it further resolved that United Church of Christ congregations study and act upon ways to change our consumerist behaviors with the goal of creating a more food secure world.

Be it further resolved that we advocate for strengthening sustainable agriculture practices, such as biodiversity, drip irrigation, organic inputs and soil conservation practices, that all settings of the United Church of Christ are called to advocate for strengthening sustainable agricultural and fishing practices.

Be it further resolved that we advocate on behalf of family farms all those in our local communities and globally, whose vocational call is rooted in the harvest and production of food for the global family.

Be it further resolved that we advocate for stronger regulations on futures speculation agricultural commodities futures speculation and fair and just distribution of food costs.

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

IMPLEMENTATION
Justice and Witness Ministries and Wider Church Ministries are requested to implement this resolution.