

1 10. The Hawaii Conference expressed appreciation to the technical crew for the good work they have done.
2 The conference then led the General Synod in singing "Happy Birthday" to Ms. Dorothy Lester (HI).

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4 11. Mr. Shane Hire (NY) referred to the policy of the last General Synod regarding the Boy Scouts of America.
5 He supports further dialogue and urges repeal of that policy.
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7 Assistant Moderator Smith announced the next Speak Out! would be Tuesday morning.
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9 Mr. Smith asked for Moderator's privilege to thank everyone for their patience and confidence in him. He
10 acknowledged his team of moderators as well as the parliamentarians.
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12 **3. MARRIAGE IS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN**

13 Ms. Elizabeth Nordbeck, Chair of Committee Three, introduced the resolution and provided background
14 information. Committee Three recommended defeat of the resolution. Discussion followed which addressed both
15 sides of the question.
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17 Concern was expressed for those in local congregations who will have difficulty if the resolution is defeated. An
18 amendment was offered and was defeated. A call for the question was offered and accepted. The resolution was
19 defeated.
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21 Moderator Jack Jackson took the podium. He welcomed viewers watching the General Synod proceeding on
22 UCC.org.
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24 **4. ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE; A PEACE WITH JUSTICE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED** 25 **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

26 Ms. Diana Burdett, Chair of Committee Six, moved adoption of the resolution as amended by the committee. No
27 discussion was offered.
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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.

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37 **5. IN SUPPORT OF MAKING FAST FOOD FAIR FOOD: THE NEXT STEP**

38 Mr. Karl Hayes, Chair of Committee Eight, moved the adoption of the resolution, "In Support of Making Fast Food
39 Fair Food: The Next Step." No changes were made.

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41 05-GS-28 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution "In Support of Making Fast Food Fair
42 Food: The Next Step"

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44 **IN SUPPORT OF MAKING FAST FOOD FAIR FOOD: THE NEXT STEP**

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46 WHEREAS on March 8, 2005, an historic agreement was reached between Taco Bell and the Coalition of
47 Immokalee Workers (CIW) which includes a 75% wage increase for Florida farm workers who pick fresh tomatoes
48 for Taco Bell – workers who have been earning the same piece-wage as in 1978; and

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50 WHEREAS in this groundbreaking agreement, Taco Bell agrees to work in partnership with the CIW to investigate
51 cases of farm worker abuse and indentured servitude, and to broaden its supplier code of conduct, encouraging
52 Florida tomato growers to provide working terms and conditions similar to those provided by suppliers outside of
53 the agricultural industry; and

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55 WHEREAS although Taco Bell is a significant purchaser of fresh Florida tomatoes, other fast food corporations,
56 including McDonald's, Burger King and Subway also purchase vast quantities of Florida tomatoes; and