

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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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

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2 WHEREAS the United Church of Christ has a long history of support for farm workers in their quest for justice and
3 dignity, including past boycotts of lettuce, grapes, Campbell's products, Mt. Olive Pickles and Taco Bell;
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5 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we celebrate this precedent-setting agreement which acknowledges the need
6 for reform in an industry where workers do not enjoy the same rights and conditions as employees in other
7 industries; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the churches of the United Church of Christ to support the CIW
10 by contacting the CEO's of McDonald's, Burger King and Subway through calls, letters and e-mails asking them to
11 join with Taco Bell in working with the CIW and use their power to improve the wages and conditions of the
12 workers in their supply chain; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ support the CIW in its efforts to extend this new
15 model of corporate social responsibility throughout the fast food industry, and consider joining with CIW as a
16 member of the Fair Food Alliance.
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18 Funding for this action will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds
19 available.
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21 The Twenty-fifth General Synod calls upon Justice and Witness Ministries to develop the strategy and program to
22 implement this resolution.
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24 **6. CALLING THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO DECLARE ITSELF TO BE A "FAIR TRADE"**
25 **DENOMINATION**

26 Mr. Hayes continued with the report from Committee Eight regarding the resolution "Calling the United Church of
27 Christ to declare itself to be a "Fair Trade" Denomination".
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29 Discussion followed regarding the meaning of "certification" and "fair trade." An amendment was offered replacing
30 the words "fair trade" with "fairly traded" in the Therefore Be It Resolved sections. The amendment was seconded.
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32 05-GS-29 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the amendment to replace the words "fair trade" with
33 "fairly traded".
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35 A friendly amendment was offered to reverse the order of "education" and "mission project" in Line 100. The
36 friendly amendment was accepted.
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38 An amendment was offered to eliminate the phrase "We joyfully commend Equal Exchange, a United Church of
39 Christ partner, as one avenue for bringing the coffee into our communities of faith." The amendment was seconded.
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41 05-GS-30 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the amendment to eliminate the phrase "We joyfully
42 commend Equal Exchange, a United Church of Christ partner as one avenue for bringing the coffee into our
43 communities of faith"
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45 05-GS-31 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution "Calling the United Church of Christ to
46 Declare Itself to be a "Fair Trade" Denomination" as amended.
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51 WHEREAS for the past fifteen to twenty years there has been a growing human and environmental disaster in
52 coffee growers that has devastated farms and families and towns and threatened the stability of nations in the global
53 south and our city streets in the global north; and
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