

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-sixth General Synod acknowledges with gratitude the historic
2 relationship of the United Church of Christ with the IEUPR, stretching back over 100 years to the ministry of the
3 American Missionary Association; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-sixth General Synod of the United Church of Christ ends its
6 recognition of the IEUPR as a Conference of the United Church of Christ; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-sixth General Synod affirms the work of Local Church Ministries,
9 the Cornerstone Fund, and Justice and Witness Ministries in facilitating a process to resolve outstanding issues
10 related to loans, grants, mortgages, mission projects and support, and deed restrictions; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-sixth General Synod affirms the continued relationship of the
13 United Church of Christ to the Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico and to Ryder Memorial Hospital, and requests
14 that the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries facilitate a process to enable Ryder Memorial Hospital to
15 retain recognition as a health and human service agency related to the United Church of Christ; and
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17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Twenty-sixth General Synod requests the Collegium of Officers to invite
18 dialogue with the leadership of the IEUPR in the hope that a new relationship of mutuality and common mission
19 may eventually be established between our two churches.
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21 **7. RESOLUTION: CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD**
22 Assistant Moderator Kevin Manz explained to delegates the procedural process involved in presenting a substitute
23 motion and introduced Ms. Julie Peeples (SC), Chairperson of Committee Five for the presentation of the resolution
24 entitled “Changing the Composition of the General Synod.”
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26 Ms. Peeples moved the adoption of the substitute motion presented by the committee entitled “Changing the
27 Composition of the General Synod.”
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29 07-GS-25 VOTED: The Twenty-sixth General Synod adopts the substitute motion as presented by the committee
30 entitled “Changing the Composition of the General Synod.”
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32 **CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD**
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34 WHEREAS the intent of the proposed resolution entitled “Changing the Composition of the General Synod” is to
35 change the composition of the General Synod, with the goal of increasing the involvement of local churches in the
36 General Synod, we propose the following motion:
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38 In order to strengthen covenantal relationships and to encourage increased participation of local churches in the
39 work and ministry of the General Synod, while maintaining the mandates for a diverse delegation, General Synod
40 Twenty-six directs the Executive Council to engage in a conversation with the conferences about increasing local
41 church involvement in General Synod, including the nomination and election process for General Synod delegates,
42 and to report back on that conversation with recommendations to General Synod Twenty-seven.
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44 **8. RESOLUTION: A REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD**
45 Assistant Moderator Elizabeth King called upon Ms. Ginger Brasher-Cunningham (MASS), chairperson of
46 Committee Three, for presentation of the recommendations of the committee.
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48 Ms. Brasher-Cunningham noted that no proponents of the resolution were present during the work of the committee.
49 She further noted that one of the proponents of the resolution has since left the denomination.
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51 Ms. Brasher-Cunningham moved the adoption of the resolution “A Reaffirmation of Marriage Based on the Word of
52 God” and indicated the committee recommended no action.
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54 Ms. King explained the consequences of a vote to take no action.
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56 Following discussion, Mr. Elliot Munn (ME) moved the previous question.