

inclusive, accessible, affordable and accountable, the Twenty-seventh General Synod calls upon the United Church of Christ in all its settings to act with urgency to:

--affirm its support for universal health care which meets the following criteria: 1) it covers all persons; 2) it presents no financial barriers; 3) it provides comprehensive benefits; 4) it offers a choice of physicians and other health providers; and 5) it eliminates racial, ethnic and all other disparities for health care.

-- advocate for and support legislation to be passed by the fall of 2009 by the 111th congress which meets these criteria.

Endorse and support a national health insurance program such as the proposal found in Congressman Conyers' legislation, H.R. 676, "Expanded and Improved Medicare for All" or a public health option as long as such legislation meets the above criteria. Pursue interfaith and ecumenical cooperation with the goal of immediately obtaining passage of H.R. 676 or such legislation as meets our criteria by the fall of 2009 by the 111th Congress and its signing by the President of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution calls church and community to new and increased levels of attention, commitment and action. We encourage the United Church of Christ in all its settings to work with COREM, JWM, LCM and other United Church of Christ health-related organizations to:

-- disseminate information and call upon participants of the Twenty-seventh General Synod, members and congregations to contact their members of Congress and the President of the United States urging them to fully support H.R. 676 or such legislation as meets our criteria.

-- form task forces focused on healthcare in each conference to provide information and urge action to support public health insurance..

--organize and plan discussion forums using the PBS documentary and study guide *Unnatural Causes...is inequality making us sick?* To learn about and/or better understand the implications of health disparities and inequities on the health of the public and to raise awareness about the extent and cost of health inequalities.

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

The Twenty-seventh General Synod calls upon Justice and Witness Ministries in concert with other affected programs and agencies to work to develop the strategy and program to implement this resolution.

14. RESOLUTION: AFFIRMING THE ACCRA CONFESSION: COVENANTING FOR JUSTICE IN THE ECONOMY AND THE EARTH

Assistant Moderator Humphrey called upon Ms. Julie Peeples, Chair of Committee Seven, to present action from that committee.

Ms. Peeples moved the adoption of the resolution "Affirming the Accra Confession: Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth." She then spoke to the resolution.

09-GS-45 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod adopts the resolution "Affirming the Accra Confession: Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth".

BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms the importance of the *Accra Confession: Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth*; which was

previously affirmed by UCC delegates to the World Alliance of Reformed Churches General Council 2004.

Be it further resolved that the Twenty-seventh General Synod urges all United Church of Christ members, churches, associations, conferences, and institutions to:

- read and study the *Accra Confession* and use it in worship and as a focus for educational forums;
- learn about neoliberal economic globalization, as defined by the *ACCRA Confession*, and other economic systems which impoverish and oppress people around the world and in the U.S., and study the impacts of these economic systems;
- pray about and discern the implications of the *Accra Confession* for our daily life as individuals, and for our life together in our homes, churches, and institutions; and
- engage in advocacy around national and international policies that will bring the reality of globalization more in line with God's vision for God's world;

Be it further resolved that resources created by the WARC North American Covenanting for Justice Working Group will be made available (primarily online) for use by all settings of the United Church of Christ (including online resources that describe the WARC process and detail its history posted at http://warc.jalb.de/warcajsp/side.jsp?news_id=1154&navi=45).

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.

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

Ms. Peebles moved the adoption of the resolution "On the Roles of Church and Government in Addressing the Global Food Crisis" and spoke to the resolution.

Ms. Becky Hebert (MOMS) offered a friendly amendment as follows:

In the fourth resolve: add "removal of land from corporate" following "to study ways"

In the final resolve: remove "futures"

In the Implementation section: add "in cooperation with Bread for the World"

The amendment was not accepted as a "friendly amendment" and was then moved and seconded as a formal amendment.

Mr. Andrew Smith (WISC) moved to close debate on the amendment.

09-GS-46 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod votes to close debate.

09-GS-47 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod defeats the amendment.

Mr. Andrew Smith (WISC) moved to close debate.

09-GS-48 VOTED: The twenty-seventh General Synod votes to close debate on the motion.

09-GS-49 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod adopts the resolution "On the Roles of Church and Government in Addressing the Global Food Crisis."