

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."

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

BE IT RESOLVED 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 to study ways in which our consumerism leads to food insecurity. 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 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 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 agricultural commodities, futures speculation, and fair and just distribution of food costs.

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IMPLEMENTATION

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16. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT OF THOSE ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Mr. Humphrey called upon Ms. Edith Guffey, Associate General Minister, for announcements.

Ms. Guffey advised that if your congregation sent a candle cloth to the General Synod, please pick it or another cloth up before you leave.

She wished happy birthday to everyone who celebrated during General Synod.

She invited Obadiah Ballinger, Chair of the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, to report regarding those elected to the Council.

New members are: