

4. RESOLUTION: SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAN

Ms. Tedder called upon Mr. Geoffrey Brace, Chair of Committee Four to present the action from that committee.

Mr. Brace moved the adoption of the substitute resolution "Solidarity and Friendship with Iran." This resolution replaces the three resolutions received by General Synod. Mr. Brace spoke to the resolution.

09-GS-50 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod adopts the resolution "Solidarity and Friendship with Iran."

SOLIDARITY AND FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAN

WHEREAS, in 1985, at General Synod 15, the United Church of Christ, realizing there is no longer any rationale for a "just war," declared itself to be a Just Peace Church. This means the United Church of Christ is committed to the deepest meaning of the word "salaam/shalom";

WHEREAS, we recognize the ties that the United Church of Christ has with the churches throughout the Middle East, including in Iran, and our continuing commitment to interfaith dialogue; and

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the United Church of Christ is concerned about developments in Iran;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Twenty-seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ

- stands in solidarity with the people of Iran as they express their will toward self-government;
- as a Just Peace (Peace with Justice) Church supports basic human rights and adherence to the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- recognizes and supports the many peaceful initiatives within Iran itself;
- promotes and works for friendship between the people of Iran and the United States of America, by creating opportunities through the United Church of Christ for citizen exchanges, participation in *Axis of Friendship Day*, and dialogue between all religious partners, including Iranian Christians;
- calls for an end to the violence, repression, and bloodshed, against peaceful Iranian demonstrators, media, and others;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Synod calls on the appropriate Covenanted Ministries staff to inform all our global partners of this action, and to explore with them possible similar actions.

5. RESOLUTION: ON RESPONSIBLE MEETING PRACTICE

Assistant Moderator Tedder called upon Mr. Keith Scott, Chair of Committee Eight to present the action from that committee. Mr. Scott indicated the committee agreed in principle with the essence of the resolution and by consensus made changes to strengthen the language.

Mr. Scott moved the adoption of the resolution "On Responsible Meeting Practice" as amended by the committee. He then spoke to the resolution.

09-GS-51 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod adopts the resolution "On Responsible Meeting Practice."