

IMPLEMENTATION

Local Church Ministries; The Proclamation, Identity, and Communication Ministry of the Office of General Ministries; and Justice and Witness Ministries are requested to collaborate and implement this resolution.

Mr. Mark Fuller (ME) called for a point of personal privilege. He spoke about global hunger which is not just about wheat. Those who are from maritime states understand that lobster workers cannot pay for the fuel that it takes to go to sea. It is important to recognize that food resources come from the sea.

7. RESOLUTION: SACRED CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Ms. Tedder called upon Ms. Jennifer Barrett Siegal, Chair of Committee Three to present the actions from that committee.

Ms. Siegal moved the adoption of the resolution "Sacred Conversations on Race" as amended by the committee. She then spoke to the resolution.

09-GS-54 VOTED: The Twenty-seventh General Synod adopts the resolution "Sacred Conversations on Race."

SACRED CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Church of Christ, based on our commitment to the Gospel, call upon the conferences, associations and congregations to establish, promote, and encourage Sacred Conversations on Race, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Justice and Witness Ministries is requested to maintain and promote a list of recommended resources for Sacred Conversations on Race.

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.

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Justice and Witness Ministries is requested to implement this resolution.

8. RESOLUTION: AFFIRMING DIVERSITY/MULTI-CULTURAL EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Ms. Siegal continued with the actions from Committee Three by moving the adoption of the resolution "Affirming Diversity/Multicultural Education in the Public Schools." She spoke to the resolution.

Ms. Arlene Nebring was granted voice to speak. Ms. Nebring called on the entire church to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Gay children are given little affirmation of who they are. Recent suicides are a tragic reminder of this need. School leaders need resources to help combat bullying.

Ms. Melinda McLain (LCM) affirmed lines 67-61 directing Local Church Ministries to get engaged in local church settings.

Mr. David Runnion-Bareford, father of twelve children, most of color, opposes the resolution, but does not support bullying. Urged defeat of the proposal

Ms. Mary Nelson Abbott (VT) offered a friendly amendment to lines 7, 8, 24 and 25, adding the words "age and family structure."