

21-GS-23 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 252 Yes; 198 No; 78 Abstain)

Motion to Amend Part One

Motion to approve the deletion in Paragraph 191, lines 481-485, from the Bylaws.

Discussion:

Libby Tigner (California-S/Nevada Conference) spoke in favor

Eric Anderson (Hawaii Conference) spoke against

John Prain (Illinois Conference) spoke against

21-GS-24 VOTED:

MOTION DID NOT PASS (Vote: 273 Yes; 225 No; 53 Abstain)

Motion to Amend Part Two

Motion to approve the remaining proposed amendments to the United Church of Christ Bylaws as previously presented.

Discussion:

There was no discussion.

21-GS-25 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 510 Yes; 23 No; 20 Abstain)

5. THE ALLIANCE OF ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A FORMAL GROUP

This Resolution was submitted by the Iowa Conference, Nebraska Conference, New Hampshire Conference and the South Dakota Conference. Moderator Lowes called on Andria Davis of the South Central Conference to present the recommended action regarding the Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers. Emma Brewer-Wallin, a delegate from the Central Pacific Conference and member of the United Church of Christ Board, on behalf of Committee One moved the Thirty-third General Synod to adopt the resolution The Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ Request to Be Recognized as a Formal Group and recommended its approval. Andria Davis spoke to the motion.

Moderator Lowes indicated it was a Prudential Resolution and requires a Majority Vote for adoption.

Discussion:

Mollie Ronge (South Dakota Conference) spoke in favor

Hillary Coleman (Pacific Northwest Conference) spoke in favor

Brigit Stevens (Conference Minister for Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences) spoke in favor

Matthew Redrich (California-S/Nevada Conference) spoke in favor

Courtney Stange-Tregear (Pacific Northwest Conference) spoke in favor
Janese Murray (Central Atlantic Conference) spoke in favor
Terry Yasuko Ogawa (South New England Conference) spoke in favor
Erik Graefe (Kansas-Oklahoma Conference) spoke against

Motion to Refer

Diane Weible (UCCB) moved to refer this motion to the UCCB.
Seconded by Kim Williams (California-N/Nevada Conference).

Discussion on Motion to Refer:

Mary Nelson (Missouri Mid-South Conference) spoke in favor
Brigit Stevens (Conference Minister of Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota Conferences) spoke
against
Darrell Goodwin (UCCB) spoke against

Vote on Motion to Refer

21-GS-26 VOTED:

MOTION FAILED (Vote: 168 Yes; 370 No; 12 Abstain)

Motion to Call the Question

Josiah Accola (Illinois South Conference) moved to call the question and end debate.
Seconded by Dakota Roberts (Indiana-Kentucky Conference).

Vote on Motion to Call the Question

21-GS-27 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 495 Yes; 45 No; 13 Abstain)

Vote on Main Motion

21-GS-28 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted to
adopt the resolution The Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers of
the United Church of Christ Request to be Recognized as a Formal Group.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 456 Yes; 90 No; 13 Abstain)

**THE ALLIANCE OF ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTERS OF THE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A FORMAL GROUP
A Prudential Resolution**

TEXT OF MOTION

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ takes seriously our individual Christian covenant with
God as the primal covenant from which our human covenants are derived and by which they are
shaped.

WHEREAS in the above view it is “the covenantal relationship with God that creates the church
and, in turn created a covenantal relationship among the people who are the church.”

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ holds seriously the call to be an open and welcoming faith community, accepting into the church body and leadership all facets of expression found in God's people, creating a rich diversity of expression, background, culture, sexual and gender identity and expression.

WHEREAS the work of conference ministry and associate conference ministry places those doing the work at the intersection of church life, between the Local Church and the National Setting, including associations where those exist calling for "keeping communication flowing in all directions, nurturing relationships, articulating and supporting covenantal relationships."

WHEREAS in response to "[t]he Proposal for Action adopted by the Twentieth General Synod called upon local churches, conferences and associations, those called and employed by the church, and various national bodies to act in a variety of ways in support of the fair and just compensation of all persons called and employed by the church" the AACM states it provides resources and advocacy to support ACMs in their positions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ recognizes the establishment of the Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers, a Self-Created Group serving to support those who serve in a staff or called position doing conference ministry in the support of the conference minister and conference.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Alliance of Associate Conference Ministers be identified as related in covenant to the United Church of Christ, through a primary relationship as a Self-Created Group with the United Church of Christ Board.

FUNDING: The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Officers, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other 37 entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

6. DECLARATION FOR A JUST PEACE BETWEEN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Submitted by various churches. Moderator Lowes called on Elliott Munn (Vermont Conference) to present the recommended action. Elliott Munn called on Kay Albright, (Heartland Conference) to speak to the motion, and Kay Albright moved that the Thirty-third General Synod adopt the resolution Declaration For a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel, as amended. Elliott Munn spoke to the motion.

Motion to Amend

David Grishaw-Jones (New Hampshire Conference) moved to strike the words "systemic economic and political segregation of the Palestinian people" and add in their place "apartheid system of laws and legal procedures."

Seconded by Matthew Hogue-Smith (Heartland Conference).

Proposed Amendment: