

ministers, and to raise issues regarding sexism and discrimination, reinforcing the covenants and standards of behavior which bind us together as conferences, associations, congregations, authorized ministers, lay leaders and members; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirms the physical and sexual autonomy of Included Persons: the right not to have any other person invade their personal space without permission; the right not to be touched, or abused, either emotionally or physically, in any way by another person; the right to express gender in the ways they choose; the right to communicate autonomously, without reproach or censure based on sexism, misogyny, transphobia and gender oppression; the right to expect that any such action will in no way be held against them for any reason in the workplace, including all ministry settings, or in any social situation; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ directs the UCCB and urges all settings of the UCC to commit to gender equity and address inequities (e.g., compensation, benefits, senior leadership roles, other employment opportunities, hiring, promotion, and termination, etc.) for all Included Persons, both authorized ministers and laity who serve the Church; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Thirty-third General Synod asserts that this work must simultaneously address the threats and realities of violence that result from racism, heterosexism, classism, xenophobia, immigration status (real and assumed), ableism, and other intersectional oppressions impose on the daily life and leadership of Included Persons in the Church.

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

7. **A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM**

This Resolution was submitted by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. Assistant Moderator Sandman called on Marilyn Kendrix of the Southern New England Conference to present the recommended action from Committee Five. Marilyn Kendrix yielded to Dakota Roberts to make the motion. Dakota Roberts, a delegate from the Indiana Kentucky Conference on behalf of Committee, moved the Thirty-third General Synod adopt the resolution A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom, as amended. Marilyn spoke to the resolution.

Discussion:

Kerisa Carmelo (Hawaii Conference) spoke in favor

David Jennys (South Dakota Conference) spoke in favor

William Bowens (Indiana-Kentucky Conference) spoke against

Kyle Lovett (Hawaii Conference) spoke against

Motion to Amend

Neil MacPherson (Hawaii Conference) moved to amend the second Be It Resolved clause. Seconded by Kerisa Carmelo (Hawaii Conference).

Proposed Amendment:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the United Church of Christ's General Counsel's office to listen to and consider recommendations from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, ~~other Native Hawaiian organizations, and Native Hawaiian voices~~ **[(and the member churches it represents)]** drafting communications to local, national and international leaders and organizations calling for compliance with international humanitarian law and an end to the illegal occupation of the Hawaiian islands.

Discussion on the Motion to Amend

Kyle Lovett (Hawaii Conference) spoke against

Tanya Sadagopan (Wisconsin Conference) spoke against

Vote on Motion to Amend:

21-GS-18 VOTED:

MOTION FAILED (Vote: 56 Yes; 453 No; 46 Abstain)

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

Kyle Lovett (Hawaii Conference) Moved to Postpone the Resolution Indefinitely.

Seconded by Jess Chancey (Minnesota Conference).

Discussion on Motion to Postpone Indefinitely:

Florentino Cordova (Hawaii Conference) spoke in favor

Andrea Vassell (Central Atlantic Conference) spoke in favor

Dakota Roberts (Indiana-Kentucky Conference) spoke against

Terry Yasuko Ogawa (Southern New England Conference) spoke against

Vote on the Motion to Postpone Indefinitely

21-GS-19 VOTED:

MOTION FAILED (Vote: 213 Yes; 298 No; 40 Abstain)

Motion to Extend Debate

Thomas Gregory Gray (Southern New England Conference) moved to extend the plenary by one hour.

Seconded by Matthew Hogue Smith (Heartland Conference).

Vote on the Motion to Extend Plenary by One Hour

21-GS-20 VOTED:

MOTION FAILED (Vote: 221 Yes; 305 No; 35 Abstain)

Vote on Main Motion

21-GS-21 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted to

adopt A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom.

MOTION FAILED; DID NOT PASS BY REQUIRED 2/3 (Vote: 291 Yes; 188 No; 74 Abstain)*

*The Thirty-third General Synod voted to reconsider this resolution in the Fourth Plenary Session and subsequently passed the resolution.

John Dorhauer led the body in prayer.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant Moderator Sandman called on Karen Georgia Thompson for announcements.

1. Karen Georgia shared the following numbers.
 - 2755 Registration
 - 108 Volunteers
 - 50 Workshops
 - 3 Worships
 - 2 Keynote
 - 11 resolutions
 - 10 Implementation Conversations-If the room is full for these go to another room
2. One more Speak Out! on Sunday. Make your video.
3. Workshops available until August 31.
4. Worship will follow tomorrow's plenary

Karen Georgia Thompson thanked all who worked together to put this virtual General Synod together.

9. RECESS

Assistant Moderator Sandman declared the Third Plenary of the Special Edition General Synod to be in recess until Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 18, 2021
Fourth Plenary Session
2:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SPONSOR RECOGNITION

Moderator Lowes called the Fourth Plenary of the Thirty-third General Synod to order at 2:30 p.m. and provided the agenda for the day and other announcements regarding time.

2. SPEAK OUT!

The Moderator indicated the plenary this afternoon would begin with our final Speak Outs!

Allyson Abrams, Central Atlantic Conference (UCC Mental Health Network – WISE)

The Moderator indicated we would now vote on the motion is to elect the five identified individuals identified to the General Synod Nominating Committee.

21-GS-42 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ approved the election of the five individuals identified to serve on the General Synod Nominating Committee.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 490 Yes; 11 No; 12 Abstain)

The slate for the nominating committee is elected. Congratulations to all who have been elected.

The Moderator indicated we would now elect the Moderator of the Thirty-fourth General Synod. The motion is to elect Robert Sandman as Moderator of the Thirty-fourth General Synod.

21-GS-43 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ approved the election Robert Sandman as the Moderator of the Thirty-fourth General Synod.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 402 Yes; 77 No; 27 Abstain)

The Moderator indicated that we would now move to the election of the Assistant Moderator. The motion is to elect A. Rushan Sinnaduray as Assistant Moderator of the Thirty-fourth General Synod.

21-GS-44 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ approved the election A. Rushan Sinnaduray as the Assistant Moderator of the Thirty-fourth General Synod.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 479 yes; 11 No; 9 Abstain)

Congratulations Rushan and thank you to all who have agreed to serve in these important leadership roles within the church!

14. MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO KEITH MILLS

The Moderator introduced Gordon Rankin to help us celebrate and remember the Rev. Keith Mills, Conference Minister of the Northern Plains Conference, who died earlier this year.

A video was played.

Thank you, Gordon. Keith's witness and desire to serve should be an inspiration to all of us.

15. MOTION TO RECONSIDER HAWAII RESOLUTION

Motion to Reconsider

Guy Johnson (HUGS Delegate) moved to reconsider the Hawaii Resolution which was defeated last night.

Seconded by Matthew Redrich (California-S/Nevada Conference).

Discussion:

Matthew Hogue Smith (Heartland Conference) spoke in favor

Emma Brewer-Wallin (United Church of Christ Board) spoke in favor

Kelly Shiflett (Penn Central Conference) spoke against

Motion to Call the Question

Josiah Accola (Illinois South Conference) moved to call the question and end debate on the motion to reconsider.

Seconded by Samuel McCurry (Minnesota Conference).

Vote on Motion to Call the Question on Motion to Reconsider

21-GS-45 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 411 Yes; 70 No; 15 Abstain)

The Moderator indicated we would now vote on the Motion to Reconsider the Hawaii Resolution.

Vote on Motion to Reconsider

21-GS-46 VOTED:

MOTION FAILED (Vote: 312 Yes; 175 No; 17 Abstain) (62%)*

*The Moderator ruled a supermajority vote was required to reconsider the resolution and that the motion to reconsider failed; however, that ruling was overturned in subsequent proceedings (see below).

16. MOVEMENT MAKER AWARD

The Moderator indicated we now have the opportunity to recognize this year's recipients of the Movement Maker Award and to celebrate the impact they have made in their churches, communities, and in the world.

(1) Elaina Ramsey – Executive Director, Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Columbus Ohio.

(2) Vivian Lucas – Executive Director, Franklinton Center at Bricks, Whitakers, North Carolina

(3) Jamesetta Ferguson – President and CEO, MOLO Village CDC, Louisville, Kentucky

(4) Rebecca Turner – Pastor, Christ Church UCC, Maplewood, Missouri

A video was played.

Moderator: Congratulations to each of our Movement Makers recipients. May God continue to bless and strengthen you for faithful service.

17. INVITATION TO THE THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL SYNOD

Moderator: Introduced Invitation to the 34th General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 2023, to be held in Indianapolis, IN.

A video was played.

Thank you from the Moderator to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference for their invitation.

18. MOTION TO RECONSIDER HAWAII RESOLUTION

The Moderator called on Derek Ritenour (General Synod Parliamentarian) to speak to the Motion to Reconsider a vote on Resolution 5 regarding the Hawaii Resolution.

Derek Ritenour ruled that the vote to reconsider the Hawaii Resolution did pass, as a motion to reconsider requires a majority, not a supermajority.

[This is the correct record for 21-GS-46:

Vote on Motion to Reconsider

21-GS-46 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 312 Yes; 175 No; 17 Abstain)]

The Moderator ruled that the Hawaii resolution would now be reconsidered and discussion was open.

Continued Discussion:

Carmen Danz (Wisconsin Conference) spoke in favor

Motion to Amend

Neil MacPherson (Hawaii Conference) moved to amend the resolution; the motion was ruled out of order as it was defeated when the resolution was considered previously.

Discussion Continued:

Gloria-Ann Muraki (Hawaii Conference) spoke in favor

Kyle Lovett (Hawaii Conference) spoke against

Motion to Call the Question

Allyson Abrams (HUGS Delegate) moved to call the question and end debate.

The motion was seconded.

Vote on Motion to Call the Question

21-GS-47 VOTED:

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 326 Yes; 135 No; 11 Abstain)

Moderator Lowes offered a prayer.

Vote on Main Motion

21-GS-48 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted to adopt the Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the

United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote: 328 Yes; 122 No; 34 Abstain) (72.9%)

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

A Resolution of Witness

TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS Henry Opukahaia is known as the missionary from the Hawaiian Kingdom that encouraged American missionaries to arrive in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS the first Christian nation in the Pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom constitution in 1840 began with a quote from the Bible "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness"; and

WHEREAS on December 19, 1842, United States President John Tyler agreed to recognize the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom through treaties with friendly nations around the world, successfully modernized Hawaiian self-governance at the time to prosper in peace, trade and friendship through treaties with friendly nations around the world for fifty years; and

WHEREAS Rev. Rufus Anderson, the author of the three-self method (self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating) and the long-term secretary of the ABCFM (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission) arrived in Hawai'i in 1863 to tell the missionaries to create self-reliant, self-governing churches and "to devolve upon it (the Hawaiian churches) the responsibilities of self-government in ecclesiastical matters"; and

WHEREAS Rev. Anderson's advice was not followed and the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown on January 17, 1893; and

WHEREAS on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's executive agreement to restore the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom was signed by Liliuokalani and received by U.S. ambassador Albert Willis; and

WHEREAS in 1991, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directed President Paul Sherry to issue an apology on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy for the complicity of the church in the overthrow; and

WHEREAS in 1993 President Clinton, with senators and representatives from Hawaii, signed Public Law 103-150 apologizing for the United States role in the illegal occupation; and

WHEREAS the National Lawyers Guild recommended to the Governor of the State of Hawaii “to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands”; and

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ has historically stressed the importance of Justice as a key faith component for the Church; and

WHEREAS the correction of injustices depends upon correct history based upon factual matters, and history is often based upon who writes the history and factual information available; and

WHEREAS the information included in this resolution will be available at <https://ahccchurch.weebly.com/> about the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom to correct false history about the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS various General Synods of the United Church of Christ have taken proactive stands on Justice; and

WHEREAS justice depends upon action, not just stating what is true and just and right (pono in Hawaiian);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon all settings of the church, denomination officers, conferences, associations, and congregations to live into the 1993 Apology of the United Church of Christ delivered to the Native Hawaiian People by President Paul Sherry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the United Church of Christ’s General Counsel’s office to listen to and consider recommendations from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, other Native Hawaiian organizations, and Native Hawaiian voices drafting communications to local, national and international leaders and organizations calling for compliance with international humanitarian law and an end to the illegal occupation of the Hawaiian islands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ reaffirm its commitment to stand alongside and in support of the efforts of Native Hawaiians to seek redress and restitution for the war crimes of the US against the Hawaiian Kingdom including, but not limited to, the crime of denationalization;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ Board will provide the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ with a written and oral update on the progress on the implementation of this resolution.

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

19. INSTALLATION OF GENERAL SYNOD XXXIV MODERATOR AND ASSISTANT MODERATOR

20. THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

21. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKS TO GENERAL SYNOD STAFF

22. ADJOURNMENT

Moderated Lowes, declared, without objection and acclamation that the Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ is adjourned at the conclusion of our Closing Worship, which begins immediately following this plenary. Thank you all!

21-GS-49 VOTED: The Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted to adjourn at the conclusion of the evening worship service.

Moderator Lowes gave the final business session of the Thirty-third General Synod of the United Church of Christ to a close.

23. WORSHIP

LIST OF DELEGATES

California-N Nevada

Yolanda Austin
Hope Alexia Hilton
Theron Jones
Selulo Lagoo
Bladimer Paeste
Rajeev Rambob
Karen Routt
Melissa Tumaneng
Marvin K. White
Kim Williams

California-S Nevada

Julio Agbon
Sarah Averette-Phillips
Billie Berry
Kevin Chapman
Francine Franks
Leo Lynch

**California-S/Nevada
(con't)**

Megan Menard
Kate Nam
James Penner
Matthew Redrich
Chrissy Siva
Jamie Lee Sprague-Ballou
Libby Tigner
Pat Whitacre

Central Atlantic

Cliff Barr
Alice Batcher
Terri Bright
Sam Chamelin
Hannah Eastman
Anne Findlay-Chamberlain
Bethany Fuss

Central Atlantic (con't)

Ronald Hopson
Maeba Jonas
Dorothy King
David Lindsey
Amanda Middleton
Janese Murray
Lauren Rodgers
Edd Sewell
Trish Sheffield
John Shillingburg
Rebecca Shillingburg
Andrea Vassell

Central Pacific

Rick Davis
Valerie Garrick
Averyn Payne
Lynne Smouse Lopez