

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD
RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION**

On December 16, 2024, the United Church of Christ Board, acting as General Synod ad interim, voted to approve a change in date of PAAM Sunday.

**Resolution on Designating Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM) Sunday
in the United Church of Christ**

Supporting Document: UCCB-24-12-GOV-06 PAAM Sunday Resolution FINAL

**It was VOTED:
UCCB-24-12-05**

Acting as the General Synod of the United Church of Christ ad interim, to adopt the Prudential Resolution submitted by Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, as set forth on Supporting Document UCCB-24-12-GOV-06 PAAM Sunday Resolution Final.

MOTION CARRIED.

I certify this is a true and correct copy of the resolution described above.



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General Counsel and Secretary, United Church of Christ Board

This Resolution was passed by the United Church of Christ Board acting as General Synod *ad interim* on 12.16.2024, with vote **UCCB-24-12-05**.

DESIGNATING PACIFIC ISLANDER & ASIAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES (PAAM)
SUNDAY IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Prudential Resolution

Submitted by
Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM)

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This resolution seeks to change PAAM Sunday from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday
3 in May in order to be part of Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
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5 **BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND HISTORICAL GROUNDING**

6 For the past 50 years Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM) has been a valuable
7 and contributing factor in the UCC being designated a multiracial/multicultural denomination.
8 We are designated ministries across the country in six different regions; East, Midwest, Pacific
9 Northwest, Southern California Nevada, Northern California Nevada, and Hawaii. General
10 Synod 18, in 1991 designated the last Sunday of April as PAAM Sunday where all UCC
11 churches celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the life of the
12 Church¹. For the past 50 years, this has been so.
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14 In 1992 the United States Congress passed a law designating the month of May as Asian
15 American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. In 2021 President Joe Biden signed a proclamation
16 designating the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage
17 Month. Moving PAAM Sunday from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May aligns it
18 with this proclamation.
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20 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

21 WHEREAS the Seventeenth General Synod, in 1989, passed a pronouncement recognizing the
22 ministries of the Pacific Islander and Asian American people and the gifts they bring to the
23 United Church of Christ^{2 3}and
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25 WHEREAS for the past fifty years the Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM)
26 has been a valuable and contributing factor in the UCC being designated a
27 multiracial/multicultural denomination, and
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29 WHEREAS the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ recognized the
30 importance of the contributions and gifts of PAAM by designating the last Sunday in April as
31 PAAM Sunday⁴, and
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33 WHEREAS the United States Congress enacted a law in 2021 designating the month of May as
34 Asian American/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month⁵;
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36 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ Board, acting as General
37 Synod *ad interim*, moves PAAM Sunday from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May

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38 to be in harmony with the rest of the United States recognition of Asian American/Native
39 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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41 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the United Church of Christ Board, acting as General Synod
42 *ad interim* directs the United Church of Christ Board to work to develop appropriate resources in
43 consultation with PAAM, to recognize, celebrate and use the contributions and gifts of the Asian
44 American and Pacific Islander people.

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46 **FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of this resolution will be made in accordance
47 with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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

¹ <https://uccresolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/91-GS-27.pdf>

² <https://uccresolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/89-GS-83.pdf>

³ <https://uccresolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/89-GS-84.pdf>

⁴ <https://uccresolutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/91-GS-27.pdf>

⁵ <https://apasf.org/about/>