Resolution Results from The UCC 31st General Synod

June 29-July 4, 2017 Baltimore, Maryland

The resolutions were assigned to fifteen Committees. Each Committee had assigned delegates from all thirty-eight Conferences of the United Church of Christ.

This brief report will name each Committee, the resolutions, if the resolution passed or failed on the Synod floor and by what percent.

The 32nd UCC General Synod will be held in Milwaukee June 21-25, 2019.

The next California Nevada Conference Annual Gathering will be held at Sonoma State University June 14-17, 2018.

Committee 1- On Enhanced Support of American Missionary Association Founded Churches that Participated in the Merger Forming the United Church of Christ (A Prudential Resolution) Passed by 95%

Committee 2- A Call for the United Church of Christ to Advocate for the Rights of Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation (A Resolution of Witness) Persons under 18 years of age. Passed by 79%

Committee 3- On Corporal Punishment of Children in Homes and Institutions (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 91%

Committee 4- Bring Down the Wall in the Caribbean: Ending the United States Embargo on Cuba (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 93%

Committee 5- On Proposing a New Framework for Covenantal Giving an Implementing Fundraising Best Practices (A Prudential Resolution) Passed by 65%

Committee 6- The Disparity of Rights of Adoptees to Access Birth Certificates for Adults (A Resolution of Witness) Not Passed by 40%

Committee 7- On Becoming and Immigrant Welcoming Church (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 96%

Committee 8- A More Just Economy- $15 Minimum Wage, Living Wages and Job Creation (A Resolution of Witness) Passed 75%

Committee 9- On Establishing Procedures for Cultural Diversity Training for Authorized Ministers (A Prudential Resolution) Passed by 94%

Committee 10- Resolution of Witness in Support of Adult Survivors of Child Abuse and Neglect (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 98%
Committee 11- Affirming and Supporting the Authorized Ministries of Under-Represented Clergy in Local Congregations: A Call for Greater Representation and Economic Justice (A Prudential Resolution) Passed by 93%

Committee 12- Toward Disability Justice: A Call to the Church and Churches (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 98%

Committee 13- Affirming the Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ Boycott of Wendy’s (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 86%

Committee 14- On Recognizing and Studying Gun Violence as a Public Health Emergency (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 97%

Committee 14- The Earth in Lord’s-Not Ours to Wreck; Imperatives for a New Era (A Resolution of Witness) Passed by 97%

Committee 15- Resolution of Witness in Support of Legislation Authorizing Aid in Dying (A Resolution of Witness) Not Passed by 65%

Budget- Passed by 67%

Changes to Constitution and bylaws- Passed by 81%

Allocation of Our Church Wider Mission- Passed by 57%

Election of JWM Officer/Recognition of the Officers/Collegium- Rev. Traci Blackmon to a four-year term Passed by 97%

Election of United Church Board/Election of General Synod XXXII Moderator and Assistant Moderator/Election of Nominating Committee- 

Election of Nominating Committee- Passed by 90%

Moderator Rev. Norman Williams- Passed by 95%

Assistant Moderator Rev. Penny Lowe- Passed by 96%

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