

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE MINNESOTA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION TO THE UCC 25TH GENERAL SYNOD FOR STUDY AND ACTION TO PROMOTE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S CREATION DURING THE COMING PERIOD OF DECLINING FOSSIL FUELS

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Summary of Intent of the Resolution: This resolution requests the support of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ at its 2005 Annual Meeting for a resolution submitted by nine Minnesota churches to the UCC 25th General Synod. The resolution calls on the UCC to begin an exploration of the role of the Church in meeting economic, ecological, and consequent spiritual challenges associated with predicted declines in future oil and natural gas supplies. The UCC is asked to begin a long term program to support faith based actions to create conditions that will foster a movement to sustainable conditions at the individual church, conference, UCC, and broader societal levels. Involvement of the Minnesota Conference, such as through actions recommended by the Conference Justice and Witness Committee, is also solicited through this resolution

Background and Supporting Statement: These are fully contained in the attached Resolution to the UCC 25th general synod for study and action to promote stewardship of God's creation during the coming period of declining fossil fuels.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ prepare a letter to the UCC 25th General Synod proclaiming support for the resolution "Supporting Congregations and Providing Guidance for Stewardship of God's Creation During the Coming Period of Declining Fossil Fuels". Be it further resolved that the Minnesota Conference seek guidance from the Conference Justice and Witness Committee for actions that will support active participation of Minnesota UCC congregations in contributing to a just and more sustainable energy based future, despite increasing worldwide depletion of fossil fuels.

Attachment: Resolution to UCC 25th General Synod