Part One: Resolutions on the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

Be It Resolved: That the Minnesota Conference, UCC joins with other faith communities in affirming and observing the United Nations' Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the World through prayer, action, and study of "the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42). We will promote a culture of nonviolence which values love, compassion, and justice, and rejects violence as a means of solving problems.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Minnesota Conference, UCC post on its website resources and opportunities for worship, study, and action that promote the development of a culture of peace and nonviolence at all levels of society. Resources will include options to involve local churches, ministries of the Conference, plus peace, justice, and educational networks. Materials will reference the unique gifts of peace and justice of the faith community in its history, theology, and practice.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference, UCC send this resolution with letters of encouragement to our statewide elected officials, denominational leaders, and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Part Two: Resolution for Adopting "Creating a Culture of Peace" as a Congregational Training Program

Be It Resolved: That the Justice and Witness Team of the Minnesota Conference, UCC make available the "Creating a Culture of Peace" (CCP) training program to congregations and other communities in the Conference to assist them in addressing conflicts, controversies, and divisions; to respond to violence, oppression, and injustice at all levels, including issues of racism, social and economic injustice, crime, and domestic violence. Congregations will be encouraged to host trainings that represent a diversity of perspectives within communities, including intergenerational trainings for youth and adults.

Be It Further Resolved: That each congregation or ministry of the conference taking "Creating a Culture of Peace" (CCP) training engage in Community Building and Action Planning to develop defined action plans and projects they can do nonviolently in response to issues of peace and justice which concern them. Where possible, they are encouraged to partner with secular, interfaith, and ecumenical action campaigns working on similar issues.

Be It Further Resolved: That each congregation be encouraged to support the spread of CCP training for United Church of Christ communities by identifying candidates to attend trainings and become trained facilitators in the Conference, thus expanding the network of facilitators; and by considering how Active Nonviolence training may be included in current and future spiritual formation programs.

Be It Further Resolved: All information pertinent to organizing a CCP training be posted on the Minnesota Conference, UCC website, including names of available facilitators and a schedule of current trainings.

Part Three: Resolutions on Personal Commitments to Nonviolence as Outcomes of Congregational Discussions and Programs

Be It Resolved: That each congregation in the Minnesota Conference, United Church of Christ encourage its members to commit to nonviolent and peaceable behavior in their relationships with others – at home, at school, at work, at church, in the community and wherever they find themselves.

Be It Further Resolved: That every congregation also encourage its members to adopt a Pledge of Nonviolence such as the following from the Institute of Peace and Justice in St. Louis, MO:
- *To become, with God's help, a nonviolent and peaceable person.*
- *To respect myself, to affirm others, and avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks, and self-destructive behavior.*
- *To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger, and to work at solving problems peacefully.*