

RESOLUTION: MINISTERS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A NUCLEAR AGE

WHEREAS the human race is faced with the most critical time in its history, having the means and resources to destroy a major portion of the Planet Earth; and annihilate millions, if not billions, of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS the God who set the rainbow in the sky, has called us to a partnership to carry out and fulfill His saving purposes; and

WHEREAS we are commissioned to seek life and not death, that we and our descendants might live; and

WHEREAS violence has taken on an entirely new character with the advent of modern technology and the nuclear age, so as to become the ultimate violation of everything that faith and reason represent; and

WHEREAS to remain silent in the presence of the unthinkable is to share the guilt of making the unthinkable the inevitable; and

WHEREAS (P S R), Physicians for Social Responsibility, under the capable leadership of Dr. Helen Caldicott, is playing a valued role in alerting the public to the devastating effects of nuclear disaster, for which the only solution is prevention; and

WHEREAS the ministers and leaders of our churches play significant roles in molding and effecting the thought and action of the people they serve; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Ministry and/or the Department of Lay Life and Work draw together a group of ministers for social responsibility in a nuclear age, and respectfully urge clergy and leaders of all faiths and persuasions to be committed to the same.