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Resolution: Becoming a Just Peace Conference:

WHEREAS, God has spoken through the prophets about making a covenant of peace (Ezekiel 37:26) and justice (Hosea 2: 18-20); and

WHEREAS, Jesus taught that his followers should search for "the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42); and

WHEREAS, We believe that peace with justice is grounded in the reconciling activity of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, The Fifteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ affirmed the United Church of Christ to be a Just Peace Church and called upon the Conferences to organize their common life to contribute to achieving peace with justice; and

WHEREAS, Thirty of the thirty-nine Conferences of the United Church of Christ have become Just Peace Conferences;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 130th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ; request the Board of Directors to appoint a task force to study the issues and implications of becoming a Just Peace Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force share its findings with the churches of the Connecticut Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force be asked to bring a recommendation to the 132nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference about declaring ourselves a Just Peace Conference.