

1 RESOLUTION OF IMPLEMENTATION TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO  
2 INCLUSION OF ALL PERSONS

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6 WHEREAS, the Bible repeatedly affirms of the goodness of creation and the love of God  
7 for all people, as in Genesis 1, Psalm 139, John 1: 1-5, and Acts 10: 34-43; and  
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9 WHEREAS, Galatians 3: 26-29 calls on those who are baptized to put on Christ like a  
10 garment and to look past human divisions to become one person in Christ; and  
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12 WHEREAS, transgender and intersexual people are currently offering valuable ministry  
13 within the United Church of Christ, both as lay people and as clergy; and  
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15 WHEREAS, our understanding of sexual orientation, gender biology, gender identity,  
16 and gender expression continues to grow, as does our awareness of ways in which  
17 equality and full inclusion in society and in the church are often denied to  
18 transgender and intersexual people on the basis of perceived differences related to  
19 gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 1985 encouraged a  
22 policy of inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual persons in all settings of the church,  
23 and in 1989 the Connecticut Conference UCC declared itself open to and  
24 affirming of lesbian, gay and bisexual persons; and  
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26 WHEREAS in 2003 the General Synod of the United Church of Christ expanded the  
27 Open and Affirming Policy to include people of other gender identity and gender  
28 expressions; and  
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30 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
31 the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, reaffirm our  
32 commitment to welcoming and including all people in all roles and activities of  
33 the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, regardless of sexual  
34 orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and  
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36 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Board of Directors  
37 to revise the Covenant of Openness and Affirmation and the non-discrimination  
38 policy of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ so as to  
39 include people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender  
40 expressions; and  
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42 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon our member  
43 congregations to adopt a non-discrimination policy and a covenant of openness  
44 and affirmation toward all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, gender  
45 identity, and gender expression.  
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