

1 **Resolution in Support of Unified Governance**

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3 WHEREAS, The Northern California Nevada region of the Pacific Island & Asian American
4 Ministries of the United Church of Christ is the birthplace of PAAM; and

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6 WHEREAS, We continue to affirm our mission of facilitating involvement of Pacific Islanders
7 and Asian Americans of all ages in covenanted ministries, conferences, associations and all other
8 settings of the United Church of Christ; and

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10 WHEREAS, We continue to affirm our mission of continuing to promote leadership and
11 identities of Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans in order to empower them and Pacific
12 Islander and Asian American churches in the United Church of Christ; and

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14 WHEREAS, We acknowledge and appreciate that the groundwork laid by the justice work of
15 PAAM and its founders and by the suffering of generations of Pacific Islanders and Asian
16 Americans has made possible PAAM presence, spirit, voice and leadership in all settings of the
17 UCC; and

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19 WHEREAS, We continue to combat institutional racism: by being actively aware that it
20 continues to exist; by being committed to addressing racism whenever and wherever it is found;
21 by strengthening relationships between individuals, bodies and communities; and by modeling
22 behavior and communication styles which encourage cooperation leading toward God’s Beloved
23 Community; and

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25 WHEREAS, We recognize that in order to be truly open and affirming and to move forward with
26 full understanding of all points of view, we need to invite all opinions to the table in order to
27 have open, visible, compassionate and loving discussions; and

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29 WHEREAS, We understand that the work we do should always bring glory to God and that we
30 work together through love and prayer as Jesus has called us to do in Romans 15:30 “Dear
31 brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle by
32 praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit”;
33 now, therefore, be it

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35 RESOLVED, That the Northern California Nevada Conference of the Pacific Islanders and
36 Asian American Ministries of the United Church of Christ (NCNC PAAM, UCC), affirms the
37 decision made at General Synod 27 regarding a unified governance structure in principle.

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the NCNC PAAM, UCC, also affirms and prays for the
40 task of the Unified Governance Working Group as they develop a working proposal to be
41 presented at General Synod 28.

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43 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE
44 PACIFIC ISLAND AND ASIAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES
45 September meeting assembled at Chinese Congregational Church UCC
46 September 20, 2010