

Calling for the Support of AN URGENT CALL FOR ADVOCACY IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHCARE FOR ALL, AS IN H.R. 676 – Single Payer National Health Care Reform To Advance Health Equity For All and To Eliminate Health Disparities

APPROVED

A Resolution of Witness

Submitted By: Council on Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

BASED ON OUR BELIEF THAT HEALTH CARE IS NOT ONLY A BASIC HUMAN NEED BUT ALSO A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT AND OUR BELIEF THAT IT IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE TO TRANSFORM HEALTH CARE SO THAT IT IS: INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE AND

ACCOUNTABLE, The Twenty-seventh General Synod calls upon the United Church of Christ in all its settings **TO ACT WITH URGENCY TO:**

--AFFIRM ITS SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 1) IT COVERS ALL PERSONS; 2) IT PRESENTS NO FINANCIAL BARRIERS; 3) IT PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS; 4) IT OFFERS A CHOICE OF PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH PROVIDERS; AND 5) IT ELIMINATES RACIAL, ETHNIC AND ALL OTHER DISPARITIES FOR HEALTH CARE.

-- ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO BE PASSED BY THE FALL OF 2009 BY THE 111TH CONGRESS WHICH MEETS THESE CRITERIA.

to – eEndorse and support **A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM SUCH AS THE PROPOSAL FOUND IN** Congressman Conyers’ legislation, H.R. 676, “Expanded and

Improved Medicare for All”, **OR A PUBLIC HEALTH OPTION AS LONG AS SUCH LEGISLATION MEETS THE ABOVE CRITERIA;** **with the goal of obtaining legislation that enacts single payer (a publicly funded, privately administered) national health insurance as the program that best responds to the moral and justice imperatives of equal access for all 252 people in the United States.**

*** to p**Pursue interfaith and ecumenical cooperation with the goal of **IMMEDIATELY obtaining passage of H.R. 676 OR SUCH LEGISLATION AS MEETS OUR CRITERIA BY T FALL OF 2009** by the 111th Congress and its signing by the **next** President of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution calls church and community to new and increased levels of attention, commitment and action. We encourage the United Church of Christ in all its settings to work with COREM, JWM, LCM and other United 2 Church of Christ health-related organizations to:

-- DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND CALL UPON PARTICIPANTS OF GENERAL SYNOD 27, MEMBERS AND CONGREGATIONS TO CONTACT

48 **THEIR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED**
49 **STATES URGING THEM TO FULLY SUPPORT H.R. 676 OR SUCH**
50 **LEGISLATION AS MEETS OUR CRITERIA.**

51 **-- FORM TASK FORCES FOCUSED ON HEALTHCARE IN EACH**
52 **CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND URGE ACTION TO**
53 **SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE..**

54 ***o**Organize and plan discussion forums using **THE PBS DOCUMENTARY AND**
55 **STUDY GUIDE** *Unnatural Causes...is inequality making us sick?* - **Study Guide** to
56 learn about and/or better understand the implications of health
57 disparities and inequities on the health of the public and to raise awareness about the
58 extent and cost of health inequalities.

59 *** advocate for and support current legislation to improve the health and healthcare**
60 **of 265 racial and ethnic minority groups.**

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62 **FUNDING**

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64 Funding for the implementation of this resolution will be made in accordance with the overall
65 mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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68 **IMPLEMENTATION**

69 The Twenty-seventh General Synod calls upon Justice and Witness Ministries in concert with
70 other affected programs and agencies to work to develop the strategy and program to implement
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