

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS VOTED AT ANNUAL MEETING, 2003

CONFERENCE GOAL BUDGET

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ adopts a Goal Budget for year ending June 30, 2004, for the general Fund, in the amount of \$846,000

CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP DUES

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ establish fellowship dues at \$10 per member per year, effective January 1, 2004. The \$2 increase will be used to support the ministries of the Conference.

MINISTRY OF TRANSGENDER PERSONS

That the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ endorse and send the resolution "Affirming the Participation and Ministry of Transgender People Within the United Church of Christ" to the 24th General Synod of the United Church of Christ for action by the General Synod.

**POSITION STATEMENT VOTED:
REAFFIRMING NCNC-UCC AS A JUST PEACE CONFERENCE**

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ confirms our identity as a Just Peace Conference, and reaffirms our understanding that the foundation of living in a global community is the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence for all its members, and a commitment to wage peace and work to end the institution of war.

We call upon our member churches to be intentional in developing an increased awareness of what it means to be a Just Peace Church, and especially to do so in light of current violent events that plague our world in many locations. We further call upon each church in our Conference to develop a relationship with the Justice and Peace Network of the United Church of Christ as a way of moving from awareness to action.

We also call upon our national government leaders to commit to the full use of all diplomatic and humanitarian tools at our disposal to resolve international disputes; listen carefully and sensitively to all viewpoints to any given international dispute, ensuring that each nation of the international community is treated with respect and dignity, and as equal partners in that global community; always hold the pursuit of peace and global equity as primary goals in all foreign policy decisions; and to oppose the use of war and violence as a means of resolving conflict.

We call upon the leaders of all nations in conflict to always hold the faces and hearts of all the nations' innocent children and adults foremost in mind when seeking resolution to conflict both within nations and between nations; to recognize and embrace the critical importance of global interdependence as a primary consideration in the resolution of conflict; and to hold the goal of peaceful international cooperation as a primary goal in the resolution of all international conflict.

**POSITION VOTED:
EARTH STEWARDS**

Recognizing that God has given us the responsibility of stewardship of the Earth, individually and collectively, it is our responsibility to protect, preserve and to the extent possible, restore the natural systems worldwide.

Humankind's unsustainable practices and ongoing destruction of God's Creation are contrary to our deepest values and are spiritually, ethically and pragmatically unacceptable.

We therefore commit ourselves as individuals, congregations, and communities of people to encourage and support local, national, and global initiatives which promote sustainable policies and practices for the benefit of current and future generations of human and all other forms of life on Earth.

Accordingly, we call on congregations to agree to:

- (1) increase awareness and change public consciousness about our interaction with the natural world, indigenous interests, eco-justice, and environmental racism, and its consequences, now and in the near future;
- (2) create regular community venues for discussions and learning about environmental issues, solutions, and alternatives;
- (3) focus individual, congregational and community action to transform our society's unsustainable practices and policies for the long-term benefit and survival of all life on Earth;
- (4) work vigorously as witnesses, advocates and activists for the protection and restoration of nature's systems, locally and globally

**POSITION VOTED:
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UCC
AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

- That the Northern California Nevada Conference, United Church of Christ:
1. Calls upon its member congregations and their Scout units and Scout leaders to support inclusive Scouting, keeping their present Scout units and organizing new ones which are open to all youth;
 2. Urges the Boy Scouts of America to return to its historic values of inclusiveness, including sexual orientation and sexual identity and to reinforce the right and responsibility of all chartered organizations and their Scout unit (parent) committees to choose their Scout leaders and the youth they serve.
 3. Adapt this Position Statement for General Synod 2003.