The following resolution was approved by the delegates at a plenary of the Thirty-Second General Synod.

**THE COLECTIVO DE UCC LATINX MINISTRIES REQUESTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED GROUP**

**A Prudential Resolution**

WHEREAS it has been documented and affirmed that the Latinx community in the United States is not a homogenous group of people, but is comprised of twenty different cultures linked by a common language, bound by a history of oppression and diaspora, and connected by a powerful and undeterred faith in God;¹

AND WHEREAS racial discrimination against Latinx communities is rampant throughout the United States, yet discussions of White Privilege within the UCC are focused on the racial duality of black and white, without mention of the marginalization of the Latinx community;²

AND WHEREAS it has been documented and affirmed that Latinx population in the UCC is disproportionately underrepresented at the association and conference settings within the wider church;³

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the Executive Committee of the Council for Hispanic Ministries voted unanimously to suspend its Bylaws and governing structure and replace it with a UCC Latin@/Hispanic Transition Team to study and report on the status and needs of the Latinx community in the UCC;⁴

AND WHEREAS the Transition Team recommends that a new nationally based body be formed within the UCC to focus on a covenanted common mission in ministry with Latinx communities;

AND WHEREAS the Latinx community in the UCC is anxious to claim its place within the body of Christ and be mutually accountable for the future, seeking to be members, not a mission, of the United Church of Christ.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Thirty-Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls for the establishment of the Colectivo de UCC Latinx Ministries, a leadership body in covenant with the UCC, with membership comprised of UCC congregations, associations, and conferences; and non-voting associate members including ecumenical and interfaith partners and community-based organizations who share and endorse the goals and values of the Colectivo and covenant to strengthen and support the mission and ministry of Latinx people within the UCC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the request of the Council for Hispanic Ministries, the Colectivo de UCC Latinx Ministries takes the place of the Council for Hispanic Ministries in the UCC Bylaws, Article VI Self-Determining Groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colectivo de UCC Latinx Ministries is recognized as a Historically Underrepresented Group and a member of the Council of Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM).
FUNDING: The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Officers, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

\(^1\) Latinx Ministries: A Living History of the United Church of Christ, June 2017.
\(^2\) https://www.ucc.org/privilege.uccpages.org.
\(^3\) Latinx Ministries: A Living History of the United Church of Christ, June 2017.
\(^4\) Ibid.