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

JESUS SAID, “FOLLOW ME.”

A Resolution of Witness

WHEREAS, as the United Church of Christ we are a unity of multiple voices, each essential, each congregation autonomous, uncoerced, and with its own integrity;

WHEREAS, as the United Church of Christ in these perilous times, we must heed Dr. Martin Luther King’s directive to the church to be the “conscience of the state,”

WHEREAS, as the United Church of Christ, we have been blessed by God’s extravagant welcome, and have sought to be agents of that graciousness,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Thirty Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon congregations to engage in reflection and conversation on what it means to follow Jesus in the diversity of our practices, with the intent of learning from one another and encouraging one another in faithful witness and extravagant welcome;

Be it further resolved that the Thirty Second General Synod calls upon congregations to have these conversations within, between, and among Local Churches, focusing on the significance of Jesus’ call, “Follow me” in this era, and the ways in which each congregation responds to that call;

Be it further resolved that the Thirty Second General Synod calls upon Conferences and Associations to provide settings for the conversations within, between, and among Local Churches, and requests Conferences and Associations to distribute conversation guides to Local Churches and Authorized Ministers;

Be it finally resolved that the Thirty Second General Synod requests the implementing body for this resolution to develop a conversation guide and a system for receiving, compiling, and distributing the reports from the conversations on Jesus said, “Follow me”.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

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.