

1           **THE UNITED SAMOAN MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2                   **REQUEST TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A HISTORICALLY**  
3                   **UNDERREPRESENTED GROUP AND MEMBER OF THE**  
4                   **COUNCIL FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINISTRIES**

5                           **Approved As Amended**

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7                           **A Prudential Resolution**

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9           **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

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11   WHEREAS: The Nineteenth General Synod adopted the "Statement of Christian Conviction of  
12   the Proposed Pronouncement Calling the United Church of Christ to be a Multiracial and  
13   Multicultural Church," and

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15   WHEREAS: the Samoan churches have been related to COREM through PAAM from its  
16   inception, and

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18   WHEREAS: PAAM's 16 ethnicities have always been hospitable and inclusive of their Samoan  
19   partners, nevertheless, Samoans feel they have sufficiently unique needs and experiences to have  
20   a separate voice in COREM, and

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22   WHEREAS: Southern California PAAM has voted to support this request.

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24   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of  
25   Christ recognizes that the five streams of Samoan ministries have been historically  
26   underrepresented in the United Church of Christ.

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28   LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-ninth General Synod supports the creation  
29   of the United Samoan Ministries as an Historically Underrepresented Group of the United  
30   Church of Christ.

31   LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the Executive Council (or its successor body) consider  
32   a change in bylaws that would grant the United Samoan Ministries a seat at the Council for  
33   Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM) table.

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35   **FUNDING**

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

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40   **IMPLEMENTATION**

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