

03-GS-19 VOTED: The Twenty-fourth General Synod adopts the resolution “Global Nonviolent Peaceforce.”

**GLOBAL NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE**

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth General Synod passed a pronouncement declaring the United Church of Christ to be a Just Peace Church, and said pronouncement included declaring our opposition to war, violence, and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the Eighteenth General Synod passed a resolution on active nonviolence, proclaiming the United Church of Christ’s commitment to nonviolence and the promotion of active nonviolence as an appropriate response to violence; and

WHEREAS, millions of persons in countries all around the world continue to be afflicted with the scourge of violent conflict.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Twenty-fourth General Synod affirms the establishment of the Nonviolent Peaceforce in its creation and the deployment of a highly trained group of active and reserve specialists in conflict resolution, nonviolent strategies, negotiation skills, and civil social development.

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