

9 05-GS-18 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution “Reaffirming Jesus Christ as Our Lord
10 and Savior and Reaffirming Our Historic UCC Cross, Crown and Orb with Motto Symbol.”

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12 **REAFFIRMING JESUS CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR AND REAFFIRMING OUR HISTORIC**
13 **UCC CROSS, CROWN, & ORB WITH MOTTO SYMBOL**

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15 WHEREAS the United Church of Christ, in its Constitution, “acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of
16 God and Savior;” and

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18 WHEREAS the Constitution of the United Church of Christ declares that our Church “claims as its own the faith of
19 the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers;”
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22 WHEREAS these testimonies of our mothers and fathers in the faith all confess in conformity to Holy Scripture that
23 Jesus Christ is truly human and truly divine; and

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25 WHEREAS our membership in ecumenical councils and our relationships of full communion have renewed our
26 commitment to the ecumenical faith in the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ; and

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28 WHEREAS the Orders for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of Members published in the Book of Worship and
29 New Century Hymnal invite candidates or their sponsors, in accordance with Article V.10 of the UCC Constitution,
30 to profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord or Sovereign; and

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32 WHEREAS the historic registered trade-mark of the UCC, includes the Cross, Crown & Orb with Motto and

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34 WHEREAS the liturgies and hymnals published by the UCC--including the Book of Worship and the New Century
35 Hymnal – affirm that Jesus Christ is our Sovereign, both human and divine; and

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37 WHEREAS our Church’s witness to justice and peace is grounded in the authority of Jesus Christ who is the Word
38 of God;

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40 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting in
41 Atlanta, Georgia, celebrates and reaffirms our Church’s faith in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, whose true
42 humanity and divinity are declared in our Constitution, our liturgies, our hymnals, and our ecumenical
43 commitments; and

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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-Fifth General Synod reaffirms the historic UCC Cross, Crown, Orb
46 and Motto symbol, and strongly commends its continued use in publications, periodicals, letterheads, websites,
47 videos, display advertising and other visual means of communication produced by all settings of the Church; and

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-Fifth General Synod commends to the congregations of the United
50 Church of Christ the Orders for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of Members published in the Book of
51 Worship and New Century Hymnal.

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53 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod encourages all who proclaim the Sovereignty of
54 Jesus in their words to discern the implications of that proclamation for the way they live their lives.

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