

39 05-GS-34 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution “Supreme Court Justice Nomination”

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41 **SUPREME COURT JUSTICE NOMINATION**

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43 WHEREAS, we are a country divided against itself through its politics; and

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45 WHEREAS, this nation faces profound issues to secure its future without need for further divisions and
46 contentiousness; and

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48 WHEREAS, Justice O’Connor has been a moderating influence on the court, who was described by the President as
49 “a discerning and conscientious judge;” and

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51 WHEREAS, the rule of God hinges on reconciliation and as Christians we are called to a ministry of reconciliation;

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53 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ meeting in
54 Atlanta, Georgia, in accordance with its understanding of the reconciling mission of Jesus Christ, encourages
55 President George W. Bush to use a process of openness and bi-partisan consultation in nominating Supreme Court
56 justices; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the United States Senate to engage in an open, non-partisan and
2 thorough debate on the merits of any Supreme Court nominees and support a consultation and confirmation process
3 that evaluates nominees based upon their public records and actions, and

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5 FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that to maintain the integrity of the court, uphold the rule of law, ensure equal justice
6 for all, and offer hope and reconciliation to our divided nation, we encourage the President and the Senate to engage
7 in a nomination, consultation, and confirmation process that is fair, truthful and beyond reproach.