

44 05-GS-61 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted in favor of the
45 resolution, "United Church of Christ Support for the International Criminal Court."

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47 **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SUPPORT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**
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49 WHEREAS the United Church of Christ is committed to educating and advocating on behalf of human rights, global justice
50 and peace.

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52 WHEREAS the International Criminal Court sustains the advancement of human rights and, within the norms of international
53 law, supplants impunity with accountability concerning crimes of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity,
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1 WHEREAS for reasons of moral leadership and national interest, the United States should once again fully participate in the
2 shaping of the policies of the International Criminal Court,

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4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ encourages members
5 of the United Church of Christ, to become informed advocates for the International Criminal Court,

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7 WE FURTHER RESOLVE that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges the President of the
8 United States to restore the signature of the United States to the Treaty establishing the International Criminal Court and to
9 cease efforts to undermine the Court's effectiveness and international support, and to prepare for eventual ratification by the
10 Senate of the United States,

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12 AND, TO THAT END, the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges the Covenanted Ministries of the
13 United Church of Christ, in particular the Public Life and Social Policy Ministry in Washington, DC, to educate and advocate
14 for responsible United States participation in the International Criminal Court.

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