

**“World Hunger Charity and Justice Ministries”
Resolution to Community of Christ World Conference
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For consideration by the Greater Pacific Northwest – USA Mission Center Conference

Whereas, the members of Community of Christ serve and minister in a world where 925 million people are hungry and every day nearly 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes and this injustice is found in every nation of the earth; and

Whereas, there is need for a greater charitable response to assist in addressing the immediate needs of those suffering unnecessarily as a result of hunger and to help fund programs that seek long term solutions to this injustice as called for in WCR 1148, “World Hunger” adopted in 1978; and

Whereas, there is need for prophetic engagement in justice ministries that challenge and seek to change the unjust systems and policies in the world that allow for the continued existence of widespread hunger; and

Whereas, Community of Christ is called to, “Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration.” (*Doctrine and Covenants* 163:4c); and

Whereas, even though members of Community of Christ live in many different cultural settings and under various governmental systems, each member is still called “to create pathways in the world for peace in Christ to be relationally and culturally incarnate. The hope of Zion is realized when the vision of Christ is embodied in communities of generosity, justice, and peacefulness.” (*Doctrine and Covenants* 163:3a); therefore, be it

Resolved, that the World Conference recognize and celebrate the current and past efforts of members, jurisdictions, and the World Church to address the needs of those who suffer from the injustice of hunger and to change those unjust systems and polices in the world that allow widespread hunger to continue; and be it further

Resolved, that the World Conference calls upon church leaders at all levels to encourage Community of Christ members to prayerfully examine those hunger-related ministries through which they currently serve as disciples and stewards in order to find additional ways that the scourge of hunger and injustice may be eliminated; and be it further

Resolved, that this World Conference calls upon Community of Christ leadership to encourage the church to focus on developing disciples with the vision and passion to engage fully in the work of ending the great injustice of hunger; and be it further

Resolved, that the First Presidency and the Presiding Bishopric in their respective roles presiding over the Melchisedec and Aaronic Priesthoods explore ways to help empower the church’s ordained ministry to grow in their awareness of this injustice and in their capacity to mitigate it; and be it further

Resolved, that this World Conference calls upon the whole church to engage prophetically in ministries, and with other organizations, which seek to address the immediate needs of the hungry and change those system and policies which allow the injustice of hunger to continue in this world.