

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RIOTING AND MOB VIOLENCE

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WHEREAS, members of the Community of Christ have been admonished to “pursue peace”, and

WHEREAS, members have been encouraged to become involved with causes that work to bring about peace and justice, and

WHEREAS, there has been world-wide unrest over cases of people dying unfortunately at the hands of police, and

WHEREAS, while the majority of protests have been peaceful, the inherent risk and occurrence of riots have increased over time, and

WHEREAS, these riots frequently lead to widespread destruction of businesses, personal property and government buildings, and

WHEREAS, these riots also often lead to many incidents of mob violence, and

WHEREAS, the mob violence often results in serious, even fatal, injuries to innocent bystanders, protesters and police officers, and

WHEREAS, attacks against police officers often tend to increase dramatically during these riots, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Community of Christ fully condemns mob violence, anarchy, rioting and looting, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Community of Christ declares that these tactics are in direct violation of the spirit of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Community of Christ members are encouraged to make their voices heard regarding matters of peace and justice and to do so through non-violent means.