

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RIOTING, LOOTING AND ORGANIZED VIOLENCE

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WHEREAS, members of the Community of Christ have been encouraged to “pursue peace” by becoming involved with causes that work to bring about peace and justice, and

WHEREAS, there has been nation-wide unrest over a variety of civil rights and social justice issues, many of which involve violence against, as well as sometimes initiated by, law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, while the majority of protests have been peaceful, the inherent risk and occurrence of riots have increased over time, often initiated by other groups that show up for the specific purpose of causing mayhem and violence, and not in support of the cause for which others are assembled, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the nation also suffered a destructive riot in Washington D.C. last January, and

WHEREAS, rioting has been especially intense in major cities of the Pacific Northwest and have indeed plagued these cities for decades, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Community of Christ GPNW Mission Center condemns rioting, looting and organized violence, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Community of Christ GPNW Mission Center 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, to do so through non-violent means, and are invited to seek partnerships with other alliances and organizations who share this commitment.