

# **GBCS Board Meeting, Spring 2023**

## **Resolutions – Motion to Readopt – Unanimously Approved**

### **Advocating Work Area**

#### **3042: Alcohol and Other Drugs**

*United Methodist commitment to a holistic approach of prevention, intervention, treatment, community organizing, public advocacy and abstinence of alcohol and other drugs.*

#### **3181: New Developments in Genetic Science**

*Urging the Church to join in the task of theological inquiry of the genetic age.*

#### **3182: Human Cloning**

*A call to ban human cloning of embryos.*

#### **3184: Repentance for Support of Eugenics**

*A formal apology on behalf of Methodist leaders who historically supported eugenics as sound science and theology.*

#### **3201: Health Care for All in the US**

*Affirmation that health care is a basic human right, and the duty of the government to assure health care for all.*

#### **3202: Health and Wholeness**

*Discusses various social determinants of health and urges UMC entities to work to restore health and wholeness.*

#### **3205: Faithful Care for Persons Suffering and Dying**

*Calling United Methodists to exercise ministry through end-of-life care.*

#### **3281: Welcoming the Migrant to the US**

*Addresses moral obligations and advocacy toward and for sojourners in and to the United States.*

#### **3303: Ministries in Mental Illness**

*A call for United Methodists to be in informed ministry to individuals and their families navigating mental illnesses.*

#### **3427: Eradicating Sexual and Gender Based Violence**

*A call for United Methodists to eradicate forms of violence as seen through child marriage, female genital mutilation, child soldiers, etc.*

#### **3428: Our Call to End Gun Violence**

*Foundational resolution for UMC engagement on gun violence prevention and international small arms transfers.*

#### **4041: Gambling**

*Opposing the growing legalization and promotion of gambling.*

**4053: Global Debt Crisis: A Call for Jubilee**

**4057: Protecting Health Care, Labor and Environment in Trade Negotiations**

*A call for governments around the world to take steps to protect legislatures to safeguard the health care, environment, and labor of their citizens.*

**4063: A Call for Just Tax Structures**

*An affirmation of the need to reform tax structures*

**4064: A Call for Faithful Lending Practices**

*A call for United Methodists to investigate unjust credit lending practices.*

**4101: Living Wage Model**

*A call for a living wage in every industry.*

**4134: Rights of Farm Workers in the US**

*A call to stand in solidarity with farm workers to change unjust conditions.*

**4135: Rights of Workers**

*A call for workers to have a living wage and the right to organize labor unions.*

**Connecting Work Area**

**5031: Humanizing Criminal Justice**

*Transformation of the current criminal legal system from punitive to restorative.*

**5038: Caring for Victims of Crime**

*Advocates for a holistic approach to restoring those affected by crime.*

**5083: Right to Privacy**

*Advocates for individual's right to not be monitored under false pretenses.*

**5086: Voting Representation for People in the District of Columbia**

*Support for expanding democracy in the US Capital.*

**6025: Globalization and Its Impacts on Human Dignity and Human Rights**

*Foundational resolution for protecting international human rights in an era of globalization.*

**6026: International Day of Prayer**

*Supports an International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.*

**6032: Eradicating Modern-Day Slavery**

*A call to eradicate the various forms of human trafficking*

**6043: Guidelines for the Imposition of Sanctions**

*Highlights impacts of sanctions on the most vulnerable communities and lays out guidelines for their use.*

**6066: Atomic Testing on the Marshall Islands: A Legacy**

*Calls for an official apology and appropriate redress from the U.S. government to inhabitants of the Marshall Islands.*

**6082: Democratic Republic of the Congo: Hope for a Radiant Future**

*Calls for UMC support towards peacebuilding efforts in the DRC and other countries in crisis in Africa.*

**6084: Liberia**

*Calls for UMC support towards peacebuilding and health initiatives in Liberia.*

**6129: The United Methodist Church and Peace**

*Foundational resolution for disarmament work, advocacy on budget priorities, multilateral engagement, economic justice initiatives, and peace education.*

**6139: Peace with Justice Sunday and Special Offering**

*Outlines the Biblical foundation and purpose of the Peace with Justice Special Sunday Offering.*

**6144: Respect of the People in Okinawa**

*Supports the Okinawan people in their request for removal or reduction of U.S. military bases and U.S. military personnel in Okinawa.*

**Educating Work Area**

**1033: Caring for Creation: A Call to Stewardship and Justice**

Foundational creational care resolution combined multiple previous resolutions.

**1035: Climate Change and the Church's Response**

Support locally appropriate climate actions including national and international advocacy.

**8006: Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

Addressing the ethical implications of using human embryos as a source of stem cell research.