

## Report No. 4

Petition Number:

### **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE REMOVAL OF TIME-DATED RESOLUTIONS IN *THE BOOK OF RESOLUTIONS 2000***

#### **Mandate and Process**

The General Council on Ministries is responsible “to review, with the program agencies, all valid resolutions and positions adopted by the General Conference and recommend to the General Conference the removal of time-dated materials.” (§906.21) In accordance with this mandate the General Council on Ministries consulted with the general agencies and conducted a review of resolutions in the *Book of Resolutions, 2000*.

#### **Additional Information**

The rule relating to the matter of time-dated resolutions as adopted by the 2000 General Conference is: “Resolutions shall be considered official expressions of The United Methodist Church for eight years following their adoption, after which time they shall be deemed to have expired unless readopted. Those that have expired shall not be printed in subsequent editions of the *Book of Resolutions*.”

#### **Recommendation**

Based on the review process, the General Council recommends removal of the following resolutions:

#### **RESOLUTION TITLE**

#### **PAGE # *Book of Resolutions, 2000***

#### **Resolutions Adopted in 1992 to be deleted:**

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