

Submitted by the Conference Board of Directors

## **PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE AFFIRMATION**

“Establishing a Ministry Network on Justice and Peace for Iraq”

### Background

In 2003, the Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference reaffirmed the Conference’s identity as a Just Peace Conference, in response to “events in...many areas of our common world, and in response to the gospel’s call to be peacemakers.”

Among the recommendations for implementation of that position statement was that “...all who are committed to carrying out the commitment and vision of being a Just Peace Conference, should be encouraged to contact the Overview Board for Justice & Witness Ministries for the purpose of establishing a Just Peace Ministry Network to carry out the recommended actions and lift up and raise our awareness, as a Conference, to the collective call to peacemaking.”

In that spirit, and in response to events in Iraq, and in response to the gospel’s call to be peacemakers, and in heed of voices raised at the Forum on Faithful Witness to Justice and Peace and in other settings of our life as a community of faith and faithfulness, the Conference Board of Directors urges the formation of a Ministry Network\* on Justice and Peace for Iraq during the discernment session[s] on this administrative affirmation to be held at the Conference Annual Meeting, with membership open to those who are not present at the Annual Meeting.

\*Ministry Networks are affiliations of individuals whose goals and undertakings enhance the ministry of the United Church of Christ, are consistent with the mission of the Conference and are supportive of the United Church of Christ. Ministry Networks may be formed at any time, within those guidelines. Please refer to the Conference Directory for a listing of Ministry Networks currently in existence.

### Administrative Affirmation to be Voted

As a Just Peace Conference, the Annual Meeting of the Northern California Nevada Conference affirms the Ministry Network “Justice and Peace for Iraq.”

### Fiscal Impact

Minimal to no fiscal impact on the Conference; great potential fiscal impact on the nation.

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