

**Resolution #23 - Alternative Globalization: AGAPE**

**Subject: Alternative Globalization: AGAPE**

**From: Social Concerns Ministry Group**

**WHEREAS**, the World Council of Churches document, Alternative Globalization Addressing People and Earth (AGAPE), states that economic globalization and irresponsible enterprise continue to expand levels of inequity in our world, with increasing over-abundance enjoyed by a small portion of the global community, alongside abject poverty of the majority;

**WHEREAS**, the AGAPE document notes that the thirst for more control, more profits, and more possessions is unsustainable by this world and deprives communities of the ability to meet their own needs in harmony with the environment;

**WHEREAS**, the AGAPE document concludes that the high consumption of fossil fuels and its effects on climate have put at risk people's lives, the diversity of our ecosystem and the sustainability of our planet as we know it;

**WHEREAS**, the economy of God offers and sustains abundance for all, promotes sharing, the dignity of all persons, the love and care for the integrity of creation, and justice, with a preferential option for the poor; and

**WHEREAS**, we are called through God's grace to be transformative communities, resisting and challenging systems of injustice that thwart God's purposes, and standing with those who are building just, participatory and sustainable communities of life; therefore be it

**RESOLVED, That** the 2006 Southern Province Synod commends the document of the World Council of Churches, Alternative Globalization Addressing People and Earth (AGAPE), to the Church and Society Commission for study and as a possible resource for congregational awareness.