

Resolution #7 - Justice for Women

Subject: Justice for Women

From: Social Concerns Ministry Group

WHEREAS, the Unity Synod of 2002 approved a resolution on Justice for Women that concluded "Be it further resolved: that Unity Synod of 2002 recommends that all Provinces develop and implement policies, including a focus on family life and values, which provide an environment for the well-being and equal moral and spiritual development of all persons";

WHEREAS, the Southern Province, on March 10-11, 2006, presented a conference, "Keeping Faith's Promises to Our Daughters: Conversations on Justice for Women," that covered a wide range of issues that tend to inhibit women's equal participation and status, including theology, history, economics, health, domestic violence, women in church service, and men's perspectives; and

WHEREAS, results of the conference point to a need for education of church members of all ages on these issues, including ways in which members can serve in their churches and communities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Christian Education of the Southern Province provide a curriculum for teaching about Justice for Women in the education program of all churches in the Province in a manner that will lead to an environment for the well-being and equal moral and spiritual development of all persons in the context of family life and values;

RESOLVED, That a follow-up conference on Justice for Women be held during the 2006-2010 intersynodal period to reach more church members and to provide further information on pertinent issues given the unanimous call for such an event on the 2006 conference evaluations; and

RESOLVED, That an event on Justice for Women specifically for clergy be held during the 2006-2010 intersynodal period given the number of issues on that subject that impact the work and perspectives of clergy.