

A RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DARFUR REGION

Whereas, The people of the Sudan living in the Darfur region are being persecuted, murdered, and driven from their homeland by hostile government, social, cultural, and economic policies that violate their basic human rights as human beings; and

Whereas, Present policies deny the worth and God-given right of every human being to live free of violence, injustice, discrimination, fear, and displacement; and

Whereas, The human rights of the minority people of Darfur have been and continue to be grossly violated by the government and aligned hate groups that suppress freedom and encourage genocide; and

Whereas, Darfur has been embroiled in a deadly conflict for over three years resulting in the deaths of over 400,000 people and the flight of over 2 million innocent civilians from their homes to displaced-persons camps in Sudan or in refugee camps in neighboring Chad; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church urges the United Nations and its member states to enforce the No-fly Zone in Darfur already established by the United Nations Security Council, and urges the United States to take the lead in encouraging the Sudanese government to end indiscriminate bombing; and, be it further

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church urges the United Nations Security Council to deploy a peacekeeping force to Sudan with a mandate to protect civilians and to ensure access to and protection for sufficient humanitarian aid for those in need, in order to bolster the under-funded and overwhelmed African Union peacekeepers; and, be it further

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church urges the United Nations to deploy peacekeeping forces to eastern Chad to stop the further spread of the conflict. The world must act now!

Submitted by:

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