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15 01-GS-12 VOTED: The Twenty-third General  
16 Synod adopts the resolution "Anti-Semitism."  
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18 **Anti-Semitism**  
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20 WHEREAS, when Jesus was asked what was the  
21 greatest commandment, he responded quoting  
22 Hebrew scripture, "You shall love the Lord your  
23 God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
24 and with all your mind. This is the greatest and  
25 first commandment. And a second is like it. You  
26 shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two  
27 commandments hang all the law and the proph-  
28 ets" (Matthew 22:37-40);  
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30 WHEREAS, the shootings that occurred at the  
31 Hebrew day care center in California shocked the  
32 nation and should be a wake up call for all Chris-  
33 tians to denounce anti-Semitism;  
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35 WHEREAS anti-Semitism has been deeply embed-  
36 ded in Christian tradition;  
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38 WHEREAS anti-Semitism violates Christ's call  
39 to love our neighbors as ourselves;  
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41 WHEREAS Judaism is the foundation of our  
42 faith; and  
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44 WHEREAS the delegates to the Sixteenth General  
45 Synod (1987) of the United Church of Christ stated,  
46 "We in the United Church of Christ acknowledge  
47 that the Christian Church has, throughout much of  
48 its history, denied God's continuing covenantal  
49 relationship with the Jewish people expressed in  
50 the faith of Judaism. This denial often has led to  
51 outright rejection of the Jewish people and theo-  
52 logically and humanly intolerable violence";  
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54 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the  
55 delegates to the Twenty-third General Synod of the  
56 United Church of Christ, do confess the sin of anti-  
57 Semitism and renounce it, knowing that Jews are  
58 children of God to be loved as we love ourselves  
59 in the way that Christ has commanded us;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we invite the Jus-  
tice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of  
Christ to utilize all rapid response networks to notify  
Conferences that will in turn notify congregations when  
there is a need to take action against anti-Semitism in  
a crisis;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our na-  
tional representatives to speak out against anti-  
Semitism in all appropriate circumstances;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage  
all churches of the United Church of Christ to build  
relationships of mutual respect and friendship with  
their nearby synagogues through interfaith ex-  
changes such as church school, youth and adult ed-  
ucation programs, cooperative service projects, and  
social interactions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United Church  
of Christ actively seek and develop relationships of  
mutual respect and understanding with our Jewish  
brothers and sisters in all settings of the church.

Funding for this action will be made in accordance with  
the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the  
funds available.