
April 30, 2019

To: those serving as Delegates to UCC General Synod 32

RE: Synod Resolution Endorsing the Green New Deal

Congratulations and thank you for serving as a delegate to UCC General Synod 32!

Among the many resolutions Synod will consider will be one entitled:
Let Justice Roll Down -- Declaring Support For The Green New Deal and Affirming the Intersectionality of Climate Justice with All Justice Issues

You can download the resolution – along with FAQs and other material – by clicking <https://www.ucc.org/GND/>. Between now and synod, additional background material may be posted on this web page.

The reason you're just learning about this resolution now is that this resolution addresses an issue that could not have been anticipated by the deadline for regular Synod resolutions. This resolution addresses [the Green New Deal Resolution](#)¹ (H. Res. 109) released by Congress on February 7, 2019, more than a month after the deadline for regular Synod resolutions. The Standing Rules of the 32nd General Synod identify allow for resolutions to come in after that deadline (sometimes referred to as “emergency resolutions,”) so long as they meet all of the requirements of the Standing Rules of the 32nd General Synod.

On April 27, 2019, the VT Conference UCC Annual Meeting and the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC Annual Meeting both voted to bring this resolution to synod. Thanks to both of those meetings for taking the time to consider and deliberate this important resolution, and special thanks to Meighen Prichard for serving as the lead proponent for the resolution at the Pacific NW Conference meeting.

If other UCC Conference Annual Meetings (or other authorized UCC bodies) endorse this resolution between now and synod, we will do our best to list them at:
<https://www.ucc.org/GND/>.

If you have questions that are not covered by the FAQs, I would be glad to respond. I plan to attend synod (with voice but not vote) and if needed, your Conference Minister knows how to contact me.

Thank you for serving the wider church as a delegate to synod!

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¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-resolution/109/text>