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Proposal for Study: Peace Policy Update

1. MOTION:

WHEREAS CUC peace policies stem primarily from the Cold War era and do not cover contemporary situations such as for example, terrorist attacks, the Afghanistan war, or criteria to warrant justifiable force in situations such as Kosovo, and

WHEREAS an updated policy that speaks to current global conditions from the context of our UU principles could give greater confidence to our congregations and leaders to address emerging issues affecting global peace and security, and

WHEREAS the CUC recognizes peace and conflict issues as matters of continuing urgency in the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS several active Unitarians in Ottawa have expressed willingness to facilitate the proposed study with collaboration from the CUC Peace Monitoring Group,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the delegates at this Annual Meeting in Kelowna authorize an update of CUC peace policies with particular attention to contemporary issues of terrorism and criteria for international intervention in situations of inter- and intra-state conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be undertaken within the CUC protocol for development of policy by way of a general resolution and that those who facilitate the study report back with a proposed policy at the next annual general meeting.

2. FACILITATING GROUP: Helmut Kuhn, Don McDiarmid, Angela Beale and Fred Cappuccino, along with additional volunteers from our Ottawa churches, will facilitate the study in consultation with the CUC Peace Monitoring Group .

3. COMMITMENT: The Facilitating Group, in accordance with CUC policy governing General Resolutions on social policy undertake to carry out the study through a process that is:
(1) impartial



(2) involves participation from congregations in each region

(3) provides background information on the issues

(4) makes explicit Unitarian values and principles

(5) suggests to congregations ways in which they may get members involved in learning about the issues and policy choices

(6) contains questions to assist the facilitating group to determine whether or not there is a consensus on the issues and to be able to report back on the range of opinion across the regions and

(7) results in a recommended draft policy, so as to provide guidance to members and the CUC in addressing these issues in their communities.

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**Passed by delegates at the Annual General Meeting, 2002
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