



CANADIAN
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Resolution on Globalization

Because as Unitarian Universalists we are covenanted to affirm and promote:

- the inherent worth and dignity of every person,
- justice, equity and compassion in human relations,
- the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large,
- the goal of world community with peace liberty and justice for all,
- respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part,

Considering that the forces and ideology of market driven economic globalization and their consequences are increasingly, and in mostly negative ways, affecting the welfare of nations, people and their value systems as well as the nature and quality of their interactions;

Considering also that the negative impacts of globalization, as observed through the lenses of our Unitarian Universalist principles, constitute major violations of the personal, social and cultural lives and values of billions of people around the globe, and

Considering that the promotion of globalization is being undertaken primarily by large transnational corporations, financial institutions and other corporate interest groups without the approval or consent of the very large majority of individual citizens or specific public interest organizations such as faith groups, labour unions, environmental groups and a broad variety of NGOs;

Considering that in general the main tenets of globalization, as it is presently invading our lives and our world, run counter to our vision of a just, equitable, democratic and compassionate world community, and

Considering that as Unitarian Universalists we have a moral obligation to bear witness to our principles and our vision:



The Canadian Unitarian Council agrees to encourage its members, individually as well as collectively in their respective areas, to

- continue to study the consequences of globalization in our own lives and in the world at large in light of the UU principles, and articulate and act on ways and means to change the course of globalization to being ethically responsible, and to infuse into our world more democratic, just, sustainable and compassionate alternatives;
- to establish and reinforce interfaith and other alliances with like minded people and organizations to achieve these objectives; and
- to implement the actions on globalization attached to this resolution.

In addition, the CUC agrees to:

- create and support ongoing efforts to develop reading materials for members and congregations concerning the impacts and consequences of globalization, and to encourage the development and distribution of materials for ARE programs, Sunday services and other events;
- establish a working group which will advise the CUC and its members and stimulate them to implement the above recommendations and the ACTIONS on globalization; this working group will be mandated to keep the issue of globalization in focus and before its members, the public and other leaders of the Canadian community and it will, in consultation with the Board of the CUC, prepare briefs, press releases, letters and other materials expressing the commitments to our principles; and
- accept the actions on globalization and ensure it will remain updated.

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