

Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ

Formal Motions or Resolutions

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I. Definition

A Formal Motion or Resolution (~~Resolution~~) is an expression of or call to action on a moral, ethical or religious matter of concern to the church, community, nation or world. Resolutions may also be celebratory or congratulatory in nature.

2. Submission

Resolutions may be submitted by any one of the following Sources or Sponsors:

- a) a local church with full standing in an Association of the Hawai`i Conference;
- b) an Association of the Hawai`i Conference;
- c) a Missional Team of the Hawai`i Conference;
- d) Conference Council.

Resolutions must be submitted in electronic form (typically, a word processor file that allows for formatting, pagination, error correction, etc.) to the Hawai`i Conference Office by March 15 preceding the `Aha Pae`aina in which it is proposed for consideration.

Resolutions intended for consideration by UCC General Synod must also conform to the Standing Rules of General Synod for the submission of Resolutions.

3. Form

Resolutions must contain the following:

- a) Brief Title indicating the intent of the Resolution
- b) Source or Sponsor of the Resolution (i.e., name of local church, Association, etc.)
- c) Date of Adoption by the Source or Sponsor
- d) Brief Summary stating the content of the Resolution
- e) Biblical, theological and ethical rationale for the Resolution
- f) Text of the motion (to be voted)
- g) Suggested Conference Missional Team for implementation (i.e., Formation, Justice & Witness, Stewardship, Administration, or ad-hoc), unless the Resolution is celebratory or congratulatory or is intended for submission to the UCC General Synod.

4. Consideration

Resolutions, when submitted before the deadline and in proper form, will be considered by the Conference Council for appropriate referral, either to:

- a) the `Aha Pae`aina if it addresses an issue that is new to the `Aha or substantially changes a previous action of the `Aha or Conference Council; or,
- b) a Missional Team or other appropriate body or person for implementation if it calls for an action previously addressed by the `Aha or Conference Council.

Resolutions that are referred to the `Aha Pae`aina will be handled as follows:

- a) Full text of Resolutions will be included in the `Aha Handbook.
- b) One or more hearings, either in plenary session or workshop time, will be scheduled for introduction to each Resolution, education on the issue it addresses, and discussion of its contents.
- c) During the Business Session of the `Aha Makua, brief discussion on the content of each Resolution will be scheduled, following which a vote will take place to refer each Resolution to a Missional Team or the UCC General Synod for implementation. Celebratory and congratulatory motions may be adopted by the `Aha without referral.

5. Implementation

Missional Teams will receive referred Resolutions for implementation and consider them according to their established priorities, missional goals and available resources. Missional Teams will report on progress or result to the following `Aha Pae`aina as part of their annual reports.