



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

From Resolutions to Reality: Living Out World Conference Decisions *(January 2026 Update)*

The First Presidency is continuing its commitment to openness and accountability by sharing regular updates on actions taken in response to past World Conference resolutions. These updates help members and friends see how World Conference decisions come to life in the everyday ministry of the church and strengthen unity across our global community.

Legislation Approved at 2025 World Conference

1315 World Church Budgeting and Audit Process

(adopted 2 June 2025)

In accordance with WCR 1315, the World Church Leadership Council members on the World Church Finance Board have been reduced from 21 to 9. This adjustment, along with other changes, streamlined the board's total size from 55 to 43 members.

If unforeseen events prevent the World Conference from meeting, the Bishopric will ensure that vital budget and audit reports are shared widely across all church communication channels, guaranteeing access for all members.

As implementation is complete, no further reporting will be provided about WCR 1315.

1330 Statement on Nonviolence

(adopted 2 June 2025)

World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1330.

President Cramm will share an online presentation, Exploring the Community of Christ Statement on Nonviolence on 28 January 2026 with the Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM) through the Community of Christ and Graceland University Seminary. Sessions will also be provided at the Community of Christ Peace Forum 16 – 18 October 2026.

1331 Promoting Peace by Reducing Gun Proliferation and Violence

(adopted 3 June 2025)

World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1331.

1332 No Preambles

(adopted 4 June 2025)

The Conference Organization and Procedure Team (COPT) will work with the World Church Secretary to implement the provisions of WCR 1332. Guidance will be provided to the church by June 2026 in time to support preparation of proposed resolutions for the 2028 World Conference.

1333 Climate Emergency – Fossil-Fuel Reduction

(adopted 5 June 2025)

The World Church uses guidelines for Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance investing that are consistent with World Church Financial Policy stated in World Conference Resolution 1264 (Reference Appendix A of this policy). These screens and evaluation tools were recently enhanced to provide more qualitative and quantitative information and are now used by the Presiding Bishopric and the Investment Committee to guide investment consultants and managers selected by the church toward decisions that reflect World Conference action and our Enduring Principles.

The Presiding Bishopric is currently evaluating these screens to further refine and screen out investments whose primary business is related to the fossil fuel industry.

Additionally, World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1333.

1334 Increasing Access to Creative Works Copyrighted by Community of Christ

(adopted 5 June 2025)

Exploration of implementing WCR 1334 is being led by Formation Ministries.

1335 Establishment of a Bylaw Committee to Review and Revise Community of Christ Bylaws with a Focus on Governance

(adopted 5 June 2025)

The bylaw review process is being led by the Community of Christ Corporate Body (First Presidency, Presiding Bishopric, and the President of the Council of Twelve Apostles), with two additional members from the Council of Twelve Apostles.

The expanded Corporate Body met in September 2025 to explore different approaches for reviewing and updating the church bylaws. Consideration was given to the need for a total replacement of the current bylaws or amending key areas of the existing bylaws. From this exploration, key sections of the bylaws have been identified for possible revision at the 2028 World Conference.

In October 2025, the global church was invited to share feedback through a survey focused on these identified sections. The survey responses are now guiding the expanded Corporate Body's review of the bylaws.

The next step will be to establish sub-teams focused on specific sections of the bylaws. These sub-teams will study the survey feedback and prepare revised draft wording for the bylaws. The expanded Corporate Body will review these drafts and seek feedback to help prepare final proposed amendments for consideration by the 2028 World Conference.

1336 Climate Change Emergency Call for Action

(adopted 5 June 2025)

Community of Christ is executing the resolves of World Conference Resolution (WCR) 1336, the Climate Change Emergency Call for Action, through a dual approach encompassing institutional action and educational programming. Guided by the enduring principle of the Sacredness of Creation, the church is implementing upgrades to its infrastructure. Operational changes at the Temple Complex include converting the vehicle fleet to hybrids, replacing lighting with LEDs, a robust recycling program, and undertaking major energy-efficiency projects such as replacing old equipment and planning for new high efficiency boilers, chillers, and a chiller tower.

In the Spring of 2025, a native Missouri prairie garden was installed on the Temple rooftop. This project utilizes over sixty native species—including coneflowers and bluestem—to establish a thriving, low-maintenance habitat for local wildlife like bees and butterflies, symbolizing the integration of faith and sustainability.

Additionally, World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1336.

1337 Earth Stewardship Affirmation

(adopted 6 June 2025)

The Presiding Bishopric initiated a study with J.E. Dunn Construction to review the internal and external needs of the Temple Complex over the next decade. A significant part of this review focused on reducing our carbon footprint by upgrading exterior building seals, and offsetting carbon emissions with a native rooftop garden. Lighting has been transitioned from fluorescent to LED in the Temple and where possible in the Auditorium.

The heating and cooling system in the Temple Complex is well beyond its useful life and is being replaced over the next 12 months with a more energy efficient system that will reduce energy consumption. Future upgrades, that are part of phase 2 improvements, include targeted window upgrades to improve energy efficiency.

Additionally, World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1337.

1338 Affirming an Inclusive Zion in the Holy Land *(adopted 6 June 2025)* in conjunction with WCR 1311 Israel and Palestine *(adopted 10 June 2016)*

Community of Christ, as a board member with Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP), and in response to WCR 1338 supported several advocacy opportunities supported by CMEP whose mission is to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East.

Community of Christ representatives signed the November 4, 2025 CMEP initiated [Multi-Faith Global Letter](#) to end violence and atrocities in Gaza and the West Bank.

The [CMEP annual report](#) is available online.

Additionally, World Church teams are being reconstituted and chartered for the 2025 – 2028 interconference period. Charters will include exploring ways for the church to go deeper in our implementation of WCR 1338.

Other World Conference Resolutions Being Monitored and Implemented by World Church Teams

1. WCR 976 Racial Equality (adopted 8 April 1950)
2. WCR 1157 Participation in Interdenominational Christian Ministries (adopted 10 April 1980)
3. WCR 1161 Human Freedom and Injustice (adopted 11 April 1980)
4. WCR 1177 Peace (adopted 3 April 1982)
5. WCR 1178 Nuclear Arms Reduction (adopted 3 April 1982)
6. WCR 1184 Human Rights (adopted 7 April 1984)
7. WCR 1195 Domestic Violence (adopted 12 April 1986)
8. WCR 1200 Racism (adopted 12 April 1988)
9. WCR 1216 Temple Ministries for Peace and Justice (adopted 7 April 1990)
10. WCR 1222 Ecumenical and Interfaith Organizations (adopted 9 April 1992)
11. WCR 1226 Human Diversity (adopted 10 April 1992)
12. WCR 1227 Our Pursuit of Peace (adopted 10 April 1992)
13. WCR 1235 Children's Advocacy (adopted 11 April 1992)
14. WCR 1250 The Nurture of Children (adopted 19 April 1996)
15. WCR 1270 Personal Use of Firearms (adopted 8 April 2000)
16. WCR 1272 Practical Peace and Justice for Youth and Young Adults (adopted 8 April 2000)
17. WCR 1273 Healing Ministry and Capital Punishment (adopted 8 April 2000)
18. WCR 1275 Ecumenical/Interfaith Memberships (adopted 12 April 2002)
19. WCR 1276 Sexual Abuse of Children (adopted 13 April 2002)
20. WCR 1281 Organ and Tissue Donation—the Gift of Life (adopted 2 April 2004)
21. WCR 1291 Extension of Native American (First Peoples) Ministry (approved 29 March 2007)
22. WCR 1295 Human Trafficking (approved 15 April 2010)
23. WCR 1302 Supporting Indigenous and Minority Peoples (adopted 16 April 2013)
24. WCR 1303 Action toward Nuclear Weapons Abolition(adopted 16 April 2013)
25. WCR 1305 Wholeness and Well-being (adopted 18 April 2013)
26. WCR 1309 Supporting Indigenous Peoples (adopted 10 June 2016)
27. WCR 1312 Opposition to Predatory Loan Practices (adopted 10 June 2016)
28. WCR 1317 Domestic and Sexual Violence (adopted 12 April 2019)
29. WCR 1324 Baptism and Membership (adopted 24 April 2023)
30. WCR 1325 The Climate Emergency (adopted 25 April 2023)
31. WCR 1326 Racial Justice (adopted 27 April 2023)
32. WCR 1327 Marriage (adopted 28 April 2023)
33. WCR 1328 World Refugee Day (adopted 28 April 2023)