

STANDING RESOLUTION 08

2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE: NATIONAL FAIR TRADE POLICY (2009, renewed 2012)**

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Oregon-Idaho Chapter of MFSA**

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7 **This petition is a replacement of an existing Standing Resolution (rewritten)**

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9 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: YES 24, NO 0, ABSTAIN 0**

12 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

13 We propose that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church support "Fair Trade" on
14 a local, state, national and international level. This would include promoting "fair traded" products for use in
15 our homes and churches, asking our local and state governments to consider the principle of fair trade in all of
16 their acquisitions and contacts, and asking our national legislators in to include Fair Trade practices and
17 principles in all of free trade agreements.
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19 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

20 **What will this action accomplish?**

21 Members of the Oregon-Idaho Conference will be standing with the small farmers and artisans around the
22 world who seek to receive fair prices for their products.
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24 **Why is it important?**

25 Giant international companies are driving small farmers and companies out of business through policies and
26 practices that are drafted to protect their profits and are presented as "free trade agreements". Everyone
27 should have the right to receive a fair price for their work.
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30 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

31 The Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator will provide materials in print and on the UMOI website
32 regarding Fair Trade products and resources and inform the conference through the Connector of
33 opportunities to advocate for fair trade policies as they become available.
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35 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

36 The costs for materials will come from the conference Peace with Justice funds. The Peace with Justice
37 Coordinator is a volunteer position with no compensation paid for time spent on this activity.
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