

STANDING RESOLUTION SR-10

2018 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 TITLE: Human Rights for Incarcerated Children
2 SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: OR/ID HOLY LAND TASK FORCE, OR/ID PEACE WITH
3 JUSTICE, OR/ID METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
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8 THIS IS A NEW PETITION

9 **AMENDED IN YELLOW**, ADD IN **BOLD**, ~~DELETE IN STRIKEOUT~~

10 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: 22 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN**

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

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15 The Oregon/Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church formally endorses the
16 application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as it applies to incarcerated
17 children.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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22 **What will this action accomplish?**

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24 Incidents of incarcerating and/or detaining and even torturing children has increased in a
25 number of countries, including the US. As a body with a strong foundation and history of
26 working for the principles of social justice, we need to clearly state that we support justice for all
27 people, especially those without a voice, and are on the side of international law.

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30 **Why is it important?**

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32 Both the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Council
33 of Bishops have commended the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common
34 standard for all peoples and nations,¹ and

35 The Book of Discipline of the UMC explicitly affirms the rights of children,² and

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1 The Nobel Prize winning non-profit organization Human Rights Watch reports that the
2 United States leads the industrialized world in the number and percentage of children in
3 juvenile detention facilities,³ and

4 Human Rights Watch also reports that children are routinely imprisoned in the Democratic
5 Republic of Congo, Iraq, Somalia, and Syria for alleged association with armed or extremist
6 groups, and that Egypt and Israel imprison children through military rather than civilian
7 courts,⁴ and

8 The United Methodist Women have made the issue of incarceration of racial minorities and
9 the well-being of children and young people as two of their priorities for the 2016-2020
10 quadrennium.⁵

11 1) 2016 Book of Discipline, Paragraph 162 “A” and
12 <http://hrusa.org/advocacy/community-faith/methodist1.shtm>)

13 2) 2016 Book of Discipline, Paragraph 162 “C”

14 3) <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2016/children-behind-bars>

15 4) <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2016/children-behind-bars>

16 5) [https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20.pdf)
17 [20.pdf](https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/general-conference/issuepriorities2016-20.pdf)

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19 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

20 The Holy Land Task Force, in cooperation with the other co-sponsors of this resolution, will
21 publicize this resolution through their gatherings, newsletters and social media.
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24 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

25 The only cost will be for the cost of compiling and publishing the journal.