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**STANDING RESOLUTION #2**  
**2019 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**TITLE: Bring U.S. Government Drone Missile Strikes Under Oversight (2013, 2016, 2019)**

**SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** O-I Methodist Federation for Social Action

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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: Passed, 23-1-1.**

**This petition is:**

**A renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions);**

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

All people of faith in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference who follow Jesus' teachings are called upon to:

1. Oppose killing of other people, whoever they are and by whatever means, because it violates Jesus' teachings; and oppose all drone strikes to kill suspected terrorists (and innocent civilians) in countries where war is not declared.
2. Insist **that** our President, Senators and Representatives ~~to~~ follow the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 11, that declares that "everyone charged with a penal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defense." Our U.S. Bill of Rights, Amendments 4 to 8, ~~uphold~~ **hold** similar statements. Every person deserves justice and should be presumed innocent until being proved guilty.
3. Insist **that** the Executive Branch provide information on attack results, whenever legal drone strikes are undertaken.
4. Urge our government to help formulate an international treaty that would agree to placing restraints on drone usage, similar to a nuclear weapons ban treaty.

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### **What will this action accomplish?**

People of faith in the Oregon and Idaho Annual Conference will be reminded that our government carries out drone strikes as part of its military strategy. As Christians we should not be killing innocent people by using U.S. drones. They will take action to hold our government accountable for drone missile strikes.

### **Why is it important?**

We can easily forget that the drone killings are happening, because we are living in the United States and don't see the deaths and destruction in countries on the other side of the world. Our President and high officials should not be killing enemies in cold blood. Often many other innocent people are in the drone strike area and are killed also. This is a terrible blight on our U.S. leaders and people, and it goes against our value for innocent human lives. Our U.S. leaders must have oversight of these actions of killing. Also we must insist that our government help create an international treaty on drone usage.

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

People hearing and reading the news about drone strikes will be reminded that killing innocent people in this way should end. People are urged to call and write to our officials to help end this tragedy.

### **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

No cost except the cost of printing this Resolution in upcoming Conference Journals.