

***DECEMBER 15, 2004 SESSION RESOLUTION  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI***



***WITNESS POLICY AND DENOMINATIONAL STAFF OFFICERS FOR***



staff members took place during a time of declared war  
by the government of the United States of America  
against terrorist organizations. This includes but is not

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Jewish religious faith, a people who have been oppressed  
and persecuted severely for their religious beliefs and a

(one also shared in part with Islam). It is totally  
surrounded by Arab autocratic countries with strong  
fundamentalist Islamic systems.

10. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy and its denominational staff officers are not professionally trained diplomats. They lack the skills, knowledge and experience to properly understand and participate in the

diplomacy necessary to make meaningful contributions to peace in the Middle East. Nor do they understand the motivations of the individuals with whom they must

12. The aforesaid actions have occurred within the larger context of irrational and inappropriate action taken earlier this year by this denomination during its General Assembly. Commissioners voted to begin a process of economic divestment of invested assets in companies doing business with Israel. Yet, we took no action against acquiring or holding invested assets in companies doing business with terrorist states, states supporting terrorism, rogue nations and governments unwilling to comply with rules of the international community regarding nuclear proliferation, development

engaged in acts of extreme inhumanity to their own

social justice issues that mainline Protestant churches,

and the Disciples of Christ (D.C.)

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denominational representatives involved in this incident and offer our assurance that those individuals and their actions and views are not representative of the general membership of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We pray that our heartfelt apology and call for institutional change will be acceptable to those people we have hurt and will be acceptable in the eyes of God. Forgive us, we pray, for we have sinned. It is further

**RESOLVED** that upon its adoption this Resolution be given full force and effect