

Book of Resolutions
“Darfur/Sudan Awareness Initiative”
Financial Implications: Yes

As United Methodists we are uniquely called by our Social Creed to “dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people.” We live in a world that knows little peace, and so much injustice. To establish justice in the world we must call to end suffering, but especially in Darfur. In the past three years 400,000 men, women, and children have been killed, while 2.5 million have been forced to leave their homes, and thousands more people have been raped and tortured. In an effort to affect change in Darfur/Sudan, and to cease these cries against humanity the United Methodist church must take initiative to become more aware of this continually worsening situation. Awareness at all levels of the church will be accomplished through the following actions:

- 1) Local churches are encouraged to designate a Darfur/Sudan Awareness Sunday within their calendar year.
- 2) The creation of informative research materials on Darfur/Sudan to assist in Sunday school classes or Bible studies, which would encourage open dialogue and discussion in our churches about Darfur/Sudan.
- 1) The availability of research materials and worship aids connected and able to upload through the United Methodist church websites, including links for further research, and suggestions for assistance to Darfur/Sudan communities.

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