



**The United Church
of Canada
General Council**

GC32 Alternate Defence Policy for Canada (1988A422)

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WHEREAS peacemakers have been challenged to offer positive security alternatives; and

WHEREAS the 30th General Council called on the Canadian government to, "Base a policy of Canadian security upon the pursuit of mutual understanding and confidence building, rather than on the development of nuclear warfare civil defence measures." (p. 57, 30th General Council Record of Proceedings); and

WHEREAS it was resolved that "This General Council (31st) urge the congregations of The United Church to make discussion of the peace issue a priority in prayer and study, calling on resources available in our church and through Project Ploughshares." (p. 146, 31st General Council Record of Proceedings):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 32nd General Council adopt as United Church policy the six principles for Canadian defence as outlined in #1 to 6a in Petition 131; and 6b military production is also required to provide multinational collective security forces with the equipment necessary for them to carry out responsibilities authorized by the international community through the United Nations.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 32nd General Council remind the government of Canada of The United Church of Canada's stand on the Defence Policy of Canada.

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