



**The United Church  
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General Council**

# **GC27 First Nations Land Claims (19775351)**

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BECAUSE we are beginning to be aware of oppression in our own lives as the result of the uncontrolled and excessive drive for economic growth and expansion, and because we have begun to identify our participation in demanding growth and expansion; we

1. Are learning from the native people that abuse of land and rapacious use of natural resources are immoral;
2. Are beginning to appreciate the spiritual, as well as the economic relationships between people and land;
3. Are able to appreciate the desire of the native people to insist upon the non-extinguishment of titles:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. We endorse the right of the native people to help shape the kind of regional development which is taking place in the land to which they lay claim;
2. We support the right of native people to have their land claims heard and settled fairly and without the threat of massive developments;
3. We support the native people in their call for a moratorium on major resource development projects until the land claims are settled, with the understanding that the moratorium is region by region.

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