



**The United Church
of Canada
General Council**

GC28 Nuclear Power

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WHEREAS all energy is obtained at a cost, and we are called to exercise responsible stewardship in using and caring for the world's resources; and

WHEREAS this generation has a responsibility to future generations; and

WHEREAS Ontario presently relies on nuclear energy for a significant part of its electricity; and

WHEREAS there is a connection between the export of nuclear technology and the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS our unity as Christians transcends our diverse positions on moral issues and makes possible our ongoing dialogue:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council

1. URGE all levels of the church to give top priority to minimizing consumption of available energy resources;
2. CALL on provincial and federal governments of Canada for policies and funds to support an accelerating program to develop new energy resources which are consistent with a just, participatory and sustainable society;
3. SUPPORT the government's application of nuclear safeguard policies, and Canada's role in limiting proliferation of nuclear weapons;
4. ASSIST the conferences and presbyteries to implement programs of dialogue and education on nuclear energy in the context of all energy sources, in order to prepare

our church members to participate in evolving decision—making processes for a more just society.

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