



The United Church of Canada General Council

GC31 Guaranteed Annual Income (1986G715)

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WHEREAS the United Church of Canada has historically understood the Christian gospel to affirm the social nature of prosperity to be such that those who prosper have a responsibility to ensure that no human being goes without the necessities of life; and

WHEREAS since 1972 The United Church of Canada has advocated a policy of Guaranteed Annual Income as a method of insuring economic security for all persons in Canada that is more equitable and less expensive and complicated to administer than the numerous government support programs presently available; and

WHEREAS the MacDonald Commission has advocated the principle of a guaranteed annual income:

BE IT RESOLVED that this 31st General Council:

1. reaffirm United Church support of a Guaranteed Adequate Annual Income as the most efficient way of insuring that all Canadians will have a secure economic floor to stand on;

2. urge provincial governments to establish independent public reviews of the social assistance systems in their jurisdictions;
3. urge courts of the church, presbyteries and conferences to participate in provincial reviews of social assistance systems;
4. instruct the (church) to prepare an analysis of the future of work, and develop a Theological interpretation of the nature of work for the 32nd General Council.

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