

1 RESOLUTION ON U. S. GOVERNMENT AID TO STATE OF ISRAEL

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3 WHEREAS, under international law established by the Fourth Geneva Convention, the
4 State of Israel, in its occupation of the Palestinian territories, is not
5 granting the Palestinian people their rights to full access to water, food,
6 shelter, medical, and educational services; and

7 WHEREAS, in violation of the 1993 Oslo Accord's call for a two-state solution to the
8 conflict, Israel continues to build illegal settlements on Palestinian land,
9 erect a separation wall, deny free movement to Palestinians, and maintain
10 a blockade of the Gaza Strip; and

11 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, under the Foreign Assistance Act,
12 requires that a country receiving U.S. financial aid not engage in violation
13 of human rights of people under its governance; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, under the Arms Export Control Act,
16 requires that a country receiving U.S. military arms not use these weapons
17 for oppression of another people; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod in assembly endorsed the October 15,
20 2012, letter sent to Congress by 15 American Christian leaders, and that
21 the Illinois congressional delegation was notified of this action; therefore
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, that members of the congregations of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod be
24 encouraged to contact their congressional representatives and their
25 senators to encourage their support and action to terminate US financial
26 aid until the state of Israel seeks a peace agreement, ends its occupation
27 of Palestinian territory, and enables an independent Palestinian state and
28 be it further

29 RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly through the Synod Council
30 make this resolution known to members of the Illinois Congressional
31 delegation who serve citizens living in our synod and the public at large
32 and be it further

33 RESOLVED, that the Synod Assembly direct the Synod Council to forward this
34 resolution to the Church Council for consideration and possible action

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