

Board Motions re SR Task Force 2006

FIRST RESOLUTION:

Whereas Social Responsibility Special Resolutions are for topics which are not suitable for the multi-year General Resolution process (usually as a consequence of time constraint or the nature of the issue), and

Whereas, in some cases, it is possible to draft a Special Resolution early enough to give proper notice of motion to congregations, allowing for congregational discussion and debate, and

Whereas only Social responsibility resolutions adopted with proper notice can be adopted as CUC policy, and

Whereas heretofore Special Resolutions have not been circulated as notice and have only reflected the views of the Annual Meeting delegates, ,

Therefore be it resolved

that beginning with the 2007 CUC Annual Meeting there be two categories of Special Resolution, namely

Special Resolutions Without Notice, and

Special Resolutions With Notice,

where 'Without Notice' resolutions must satisfy the current criteria* for Special Resolutions or any revision of same and 'With Notice' resolutions must satisfy these criteria plus the further requirement that they must be circulated as notice to congregations in the same way General Resolutions must be.

SECOND RESOLUTION:

Whereas General and Special Resolutions are intended to represent the viewpoint of Canadian Unitarian Universalists or of a specific CUC Annual meeting,

Whereas the CUC board and President communicate on behalf of Canadian Unitarian Universalists to the Canadian general public and to our governments on the basis of the policy set via these resolutions, and

Whereas a simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting at CUC Annual Meetings does not give the CUC very solid ground on which speak on behalf of Canadian Unitarian Universalists,

Therefore be it resolved that a 2/3 vote of the delegates present and voting at CUC Annual Meetings be required to approve General and Special Social Responsibility

Resolutions and amendments thereof, to be effective in 2007.

Footnote:

*Criteria for a Special Resolution may be found in the SR Handbook on the CUC website or in the SR Task Force report recently distributed (Resolutions section) pages 9 to 11; and in Appendix III, the Flow Chart. They include the following:

- 1) This resolution is usually specific, action oriented and timely,
- 2) The action is related to a past resolution or principle, but cannot be carried out by a Monitoring Group or the President without a further resolution. (Thus consultation with the above, the Executive Director and the local President is advisable before submitting.)
- 3) A special resolution cannot be used to short circuit a General Resolution and is used therefore only a last resort.
