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4	OPPOSING PROJECT 2025 AND OTHER POLICIES THAT ARE
5	INCONSISTENT WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, MERCY, AND
6	COMPASSION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.
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8	(Sense-of-the-Assembly)
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10	WHEREAS the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
11	is made up of Christians across the political spectrum; and
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13 14	WHEREAS, Christians, regardless of political affiliation, are called to do the work of
14 15	Christ above any political agenda; and
15 16	WHEREAS the current United States presidential administration once distanced itself
17	from the document known as Project 2025, but is now implementing policies outlined in
18	this document, and appointing authors of this document to high positions of power in the
19	federal government; and
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21	WHEREAS this is a policy manual proposed by an entity of the United States, knowing
22	that its effects will be felt in Canada, United States territories like Puerto Rico, and other
23	areas of the world where ecumenical partners exist; and
24	WHEREAS the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada
25	seeks to ensure that our leaders across the entire Church are anti-racist, decolonized,
26	inclusive agents for the common good (GA-0121 AN ACT OF REPENTANCE CALLING
27	THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST, PRO-
28	RECONCILING COMMUNITY, adopted in 2021); and
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30	WHEREAS , scripture reminds us to "welcome the stranger as we were once strangers
31	in this land" (Lev. 19:33-34), the policies proposed in Project 2025 seek to dangerously
32	limit asylum opportunities, reducing the number of refugees and deem programs such
33 34	as the Humanitarian Parole Program for Cubans, Haitians, Nicaraguans, and Venezuelans, and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which
34 35	bars the deportation of certain people who were brought to the United States without
36	documentation as children, as "unlawful," ¹ which is inconsistent with GA-1739 (ON
37	BECOMING IMMIGRANT WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS, adopted in 2017) ² ; and
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39	WHEREAS the proposed policies call for eliminating or reducing basic benefits for low-
40	income individuals and families and the elimination of Head Start, a program that funds
41	education, health, and social services programs for low-income children under 5 years
42	old (GA-8954 WEBSTER V. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, adopted in 1989);
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45	WHEREAS the proposed policies call for increasing the country's reliance on fossil fuels
46	and withdrawing from efforts to address the climate crisis which is inconsistent with GA-
47	7338 (CONCERNING ECOLOGY, adopted in 1973) ³ ; and
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WHEREAS the proposed policies seek to remove terms such as "sexual orientation" 49 50 and "gender identity" from records and policies, as well as rescind policies that prohibit discrimination based on "sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, and sex 51 52 characteristics, which is inconsistent with GA-2352 (INVITATION TO OPPOSE ANTI-53 TRANS LEGISLATION AND AFFIRM THE DIGNITY OF TRANSGENDER AND 54 GENDER-DIVERSE PEOPLE, adopted in 2023)⁴, and GA-1327 (BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE AND WELCOME TO ALL, adopted in 2013)⁵; and 55 56 57 **WHEREAS** the proposed policies want the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 58 (CDC) to stop promoting abortion as health care, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) 59 to stop promoting and approving requests for manufacturing abortion pills, and the end of federal funding for Planned Parenthood⁶, all of which is inconsistent with GA-0725 60 (PROACTIVE PREVENTION: SEEKING COMMON GROUND ON THE ISSUE OF 61 ABORTION, adopted in 2007)⁷; and 62 63 WHEREAS these policies hurt and harm our neighbor and our call to care for the 64 65 orphan and widow (James 1:27) and all marginalized groups, and call to question what we have done for the least of these (Matt. 25:40), and are inconsistent with the 66 aforementioned resolutions and others such as GA-2341 (CALLING THE CHURCH TO 67

OPPOSE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM, adopted 2023)⁸, GA-2338 (CONCERNING
 FOOD WASTE, FOOD INSECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, adopted in
 2023)⁹; and an overarching departure from the biblical understanding of how to care for

- 71 the world and its inhabitants; and
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WHEREAS the church has historically addressed policies and agendas of multiple administrations in a non-partisan manner.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 General Assembly of the Christian
 Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting July 12-15,
 2025, in Memphis, Tennessee, declares that Project 2025 is inconsistent with how we
 have discerned our call to follow Jesus Christ in word and deed through prayer and the
 reading of scripture; and

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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Project 2025 is inconsistent with Christian Church 83 (Disciples of Christ)'s commitment to justice, mercy, and compassion for our neighbors, 84 according to the aforementioned General Assembly Resolutions; and

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- 86 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we encourage the General Assembly and all
- 87 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to familiarize themselves with the
- policies found in Project 2025 so that you may identify them, whether they are
- referenced under the name "Project 2025" or not; and
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- 91 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we encourage the General Assembly and all
- 92 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to get involved in local justice
- 93 organizations, who will undoubtedly need your help in countering this document; and
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95	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on all Disciples of Christ, regardless of their
96	political affiliation, to be vigilant in opposing the policies listed in this document at the
97	federal, state, and local levels; and

- FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that we call on Disciples to put their faith into action, to
 fight for justice for all of God's children, and to stay steadfast in the mission to "do
 justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).
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BACKGROUND

- Language pulled from the actual document <u>Policy | Project 2025</u>, and from two fact-
- 115 checkers <u>A Guide to Project 2025 FactCheck.org</u> and <u>The Facts About Project 2025</u>:
- 116 The Pro-Trump Proposal To 'Reshape America' | Snopes.com and previous GA
- 117 resolutions.

¹ <u>https://www.snopes.com/news/2024/07/11/project-2025-explained/</u>

² https://ga.disciples.org/resolutions/2017/ga-1723/

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⁵ GA1327-BecomingAPeopleOfGraceAndWelcomeToAll-Final.pdf

⁶ <u>https://www.factcheck.org/2024/09/a-guide-to-project-2025/</u>

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⁹ <u>https://cdn.ga.disciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/03112032/GA-2338-Concerning-Food-Waste.pdf</u>