

General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches

Resolutions of the General Assembly 2015

The following Resolutions were agreed at the General Assembly Annual Meetings

1. FROM CROSS STREET UNITARIAN CHAPEL, MANCHESTER

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, in the spirit of those of our liberal religious tradition who have strived and strive currently to realise social justice in the world, whilst recognising the freedom of all to believe as their consciences dictate,

A: believes that the proposed Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (TTIP) treaty:

- (1) Poses a threat to many of the hard-won social gains of the 19th and 20th centuries;
- (2) Would hand over uncontested power and influence from democratically elected governments to multi- and transnational corporations and
- (3) Would likely impact unfairly on many of the poorest in societies across the globe.

B: calls upon individual congregations and affiliated bodies of the General Assembly to inform their members of this issue, so that individuals may study it for themselves and, according to their consciences, take action on it, for example if they so wish by contacting their political representatives, and joining their efforts with groups campaigning against this treaty.

2. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches recognises the considerable contribution of Dawn Buckle, MEd to Unitarians in the United Kingdom by naming her as an Honorary Member.

3. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches congratulates the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU) on its 20th Anniversary.

4. FROM TWELVE FULL MEMBERS AND GOLDERS GREEN UNITARIANS

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, recognising the universal kinship of all sentient beings affirmed by the world's great religions, philosophers and sages, encourages fellow Unitarians and all people of goodwill to support the Universal Kinship Fund of the Dr Hadwen Trust and other humane research charities in order to advance non-animal medical research and in so doing help save human and animal lives.

5. FROM WESTGATE CHAPEL, WAKEFIELD

That this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches asks the Executive Committee to devise, or cause to be devised, recommendations for the payment of the organists/directors of music and others who play for the services of its member congregations in much the same way as it provides guidelines for the payment of ministers and leaders of worship.