

Daily Morning Message  
St Paul United Church of Christ  
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Dear Members and Friends of St Paul Church,

Our Psalm Reading for today is Psalm 119:129-130a:

*Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.  
The unfolding of your words gives light.*

Next month, The delegates to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ will be meeting to conduct the business of the national denomination and to deliberate and vote on resolutions of witness that have been submitted to it by local churches, associations, conferences and other settings of the church. In the UCC, delegates to Synod vote their own conscience prayerfully after serious study of the topic in light of what the Bible and our faith traditions tell us. No UCC member or congregation is required to agree with Synod actions. They are, however, worthy of our consideration as viewpoints shared among a large number of our fellow believers.

I think the best use for General Synod resolutions is that they prod us to think about the topics that arise in the public realm from a faith perspective. Many of these topics also come up in political discussions, but we don't think they should be left for politicians to decide. Conversation among people of faith about how people are treated in our world is a critical element for us. So, in the next two weeks, I'm planning to include in our daily morning messages a daily summary of one of the 10 resolutions of witness under consideration by the delegates this year. I hope you'll debate them in your mind, and that you'll think about how each resolution tries to respond faithfully to people who are hurting in our world.

Please remember that, if everybody in the world agreed with a particular resolution, there would be no need to propose it at all; so I hope you'll enjoy considering the proposals and coming to your own conclusions. Each day, I'll begin with a Scripture reference for meditation, followed by a brief description of the resolution and a sentence prayer. My own comments in the daily message will be as neutral as I can make them. But as you know, I'm always happy to converse with you if you want to know what I believe. The full text of each resolution can be found on the UCC website – [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) – under the heading of General Synod, and I will also post them at the church.

Allen

In our prayers this week: Marian Lowery and her family. Marian's brother Melvin passed away last week, and her sister Marlene's husband Ron is seriously ill.

