



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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Resolution to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina

The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Durham, North Carolina is to lead people to a relationship with Christ by preaching, teaching, and healing. Matthew 25:40 tells us that “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” As followers of Jesus Christ, Covenant firmly commits to the works and spirit of Jesus who made healing the sick central to His ministry.

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church affirms that faith-based groups are ordained by God to serve the human community; and

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church is a community-involved church with ministries that touch the lives of children, teens and adults in Durham County; and

Whereas Covenant’s mission is to follow in the teachings of Jesus by reaching out to all populations; but particularly to underserved populations that have limited access to food, shelter, clothing and healthcare; and

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church acknowledges that many individuals find themselves in impoverished situations or ill health through no fault of their own; and

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church is cognizant that it is a spiritual and moral obligation to care for the poor and seek healing when necessary; and

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church recognizes that, for the first time, millions of Americans can have access to affordable, high quality healthcare; and

Whereas Covenant Presbyterian Church laments that it is estimated that 47,620 adults in Durham County are uninsured (2013 Durham County State of the County Health Report) and many of these can gain coverage with Medicaid expansion; and

Whereas Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church organized a group of clergy to ask Governor McCrory to call a special legislative session to expand Medicaid coverage up to 138% of poverty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in the name of justice and compassion, strongly appeal to the Governor and legislators of North Carolina to expand Medicaid to cover its citizens whose incomes are up to 138% of the poverty level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution **BY ORDER OF THE SESSION OF COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)** be delivered to Governor Pat McCrory and to the appropriate members of the General Assembly of North Carolina on this _____ of February in the year of our Lord _____.