

**161st Session of the
California-Nevada Annual Conference
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September – National Recovery Month

Item 31, adopted as amended June 20, 2009



Be it resolved that the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church join with the General Board of Church and Society, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services ((Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)), the California Council on Alcohol Problems (CalCAP), the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion (CCAGE), and the Alcohol-Narcotics Education Foundation. (ANEF), and the Nevada and California State Legislatures to celebrate September as National Recovery Month with this year's (2009) theme being ***Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn, Together We Heal.***

Be it further resolved that a lay member of the Annual Conference from each congregation within the California-Nevada Conference is urged to request their pastor to preach a sermon during the month of September 2009 on the above theme. Worship aids may be found on the General Board of Church and Society's Health and Wholeness web site www.umc-gbcs.org/HealthWholeness, the General Board of Global Ministries Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence (SPSARV) web site new.gb-gm-umc.org/about/us/cim/programs/spsarv/, as well as the National Recovery Month web site www.recoverymonth.gov. See also visit our Conference Board of Church and Society web page **Addiction Recovery** www.cnumc.org/page.asp?PKValue=1331.

Be it further resolved that each congregation within the California-Nevada Conference is urged to develop and support recovery ministries. For guidance on how to get started go to new.gb-gm-umc.org/media/cim/pdf/rushcenterfaq.pdf. See our Conference **Addiction Recovery** web page (see above) for notices of future training for both clergy and laity.

Be it further resolved that the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church support and endorse State Legislative measures which support the recovery efforts for our general population and rehabilitation rather than incarceration for both youth and adults within the court and correctional systems within the States of California and Nevada. The California-Nevada Annual Conference, through the Nevada-Sierra District, urges the Religious Alliance in Nevada (R.A.I.N.) to support legislation to recognize September each year as National Recovery Month within the State of Nevada. The Conference Secretary is requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the Nevada State Senate Committee on Health and Education, the Nevada State Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services, the California State Assembly Select Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the California State Senate Committee on Health.