

**A Resolution to Advocate for the End of the Death Penalty  
In Georgia by 2020**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is among those states still carrying out executions;

WHEREAS, the United Methodist Church in its Social Principles ¶164.G states, “we oppose the death penalty (capital punishment) and urge its elimination from all criminal codes,” and urges the church at all levels to “advocate against the death penalty to state governors, state and federal representatives,” (Resolution 5035, The 2012 Book of Resolutions);

WHEREAS, the North Georgia Conference in its Blueprint for Ministry, 2012-2016, calls for the elimination of the death penalty in Georgia to be part of our ministry;

WHEREAS, every person is a child of God and Christ has the power “to redeem, restore, and transform” any person;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2016 session of the North Georgia Annual Conference:

Affirms its commitment to seeing the death penalty in Georgia ended by 2020;

Affirms the work of the office of connectional ministries to give leadership to this effort;

Encourages all churches in the conference to learn more about this issue and to be in prayer for our work.

I, Donn Ann Weber, do certify that I am the Secretary of the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the above Resolution was presented to and passed by a majority of members voting at the Annual Conference of said North Georgia Annual Conference this 9th day of June 2016, meeting in Athens, Georgia.



Donn Ann Weber, Secretary  
North Georgia Conference  
The United Methodist Church