

Kentucky Council of Churches Resolution

Whereas: All people are made in the image and likeness of God, deserving of respect, dignity, and opportunities to flourish, and also connected inextricably to one another as children of God; and

Whereas: It is the intent of the Kentucky Council of Churches to provide an instrument for unified witness to God's will for justice, peace, righteousness, and compassion for all people, but especially in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

Whereas: Section 25 of the Kentucky Constitution still allows for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime; and

Whereas: Slavery and involuntary servitude are crimes against humanity; and

Whereas: Crimes against humanity are neither necessary nor useful as punishment for a crime;

Therefore be it resolved that members of the Kentucky Council of Churches call on the Kentucky Legislature to amend Section 25 by removing the exception clause so that slavery and involuntary servitude are forever forbidden.