



## **RESOLUTION ON THE USE OF THE WORD “NIGGER”**

WHEREAS, the word “nigger” has been used to indicate that one race is inferior to another; and

WHEREAS, those who are called by that name consider it to be a derogatory word; and

WHEREAS, the use of the word is a throwback to the time when African Americans were taken into slavery; and

WHEREAS, the use of this word is considered to be dehumanizing to those who are called that name; and

WHEREAS, the word was used extensively by those who opposed equal rights for African Americans during the early days of the civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the use of this word is still used by some segments of society; and

WHEREAS, the use of the word is still offensive to the African American community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT BLACK METHODISTS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL, INC., GO ON RECORD OPPOSING THE USE OF THIS WORD IN ANY CONTEXT; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE NEWS MEDIA FOR INFORMATION AND RELEASE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS, THE CONNECTIONAL TABLE, PRESIDENTS AND GENERAL SECRETARIES OF ALL THE BOARDS, AGENCIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WITH A REQUEST TO CIRCULATE THIS RESOLUTION AMONG THEIR MEMBERS; AND

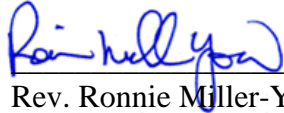
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE, OR SIMILAR STRUCTURAL ENTITIES, IN EVERY ANNUAL CONFERENCE, WITH A REQUEST THAT IT BE ADOPTED AND CIRCULATED AMONG EVERY CONFERENCE ENTITY.

Adopted on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.



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Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, Chair  
Board of Directors, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc.

Resolution #701