

46 state, New York, have now passed Humane Alternatives to Long-Term
47 Confinement legislation;

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49 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the delegates to the 2019 Special Meeting
50 of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, declare our
51 opposition to the use of prolonged solitary confinement and commit ourselves to
52 advocate for humane alternatives to long-term confinement; and

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54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge our member congregations
55 (1) to become educated about the harms of solitary confinement,
56 (2) to learn from directly impacted individuals about the ways prolonged
57 confinement is torture, and
58 (3) to advocate for humane alternatives; and

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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we urge our member congregations join Stop
61 Solitary Connecticut, a coalition that is a project of the National Religious
62 Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT); and

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64 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that we request our Conference Legislative
65 Advocate make advocating for the end of the practice of prolonged solitary
66 confinement a priority.

¹ Solitary Confinement Should be Banned in Most Cases, UN Expert Says, UN News Centre (Oct. 18, 2011); UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, Interim Report of the Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, ¶ 76, U.N. Doc/ A/66/268 (Aug. 5, 2011)

² Connecticut Department of Corrections, Incidents Report, FY 2015-2016 (2016).

³ <https://www.acluct.org/en/legislation/2017-hb-7302-solitary-confinement-reform>

⁴ <https://www.aclu.org/blog/prisoners-rights/solitary-confinement/why-i-ended-horror-long-term-solitary-colorados-prisons>