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Suggested Title: Children's Sabbath

General Church Budget Implications: No

Global Implications: No

**NEW: Children's Sabbath**

WHEREAS, "The program calendar of the denomination shall include only the special Sundays approved by General Conference, special Sundays approved by ecumenical agencies to which The United Methodist Church is officially related, and the days and seasons of the Christian Year" (*The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, ¶262); and

WHEREAS, the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Women, and the General Board of Church and Society have officially endorsed the U.S. National Observance of Children's Sabbath of the ecumenically endorsed Children's Defense Fund; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, an ecumenical agency of which The United Methodist Church is a member, also endorses the U.S. National Observance of the Children's Defense Fund Children's Sabbath;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the third weekend of October be identified as the Children's Sabbath on the program calendar of The United Methodist Church,

*Be it further resolved*, that this weekend is not to be classified as a churchwide special Sunday with offerings or a special Sunday without churchwide offerings. The inclusion of said weekend is the inclusion of a special date approved by an ecumenical agency to which The United Methodist Church is officially related, with said observance requiring no financial support on the part of The United Methodist Church.

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