

Substitute resolution presented by Frank A. Cooley Lay Member Morgan Birmingham West

**WHEREAS** we the United Methodist of the North Alabama Annual Conference who are disciples of Jesus Christ, affirm that He is the Lord of our lives.

**WHEREAS** Jesus answered the early disciple's private question of Matthew 24:3 (KJV) “. . . and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?”

**WHEREAS** Jesus answered them in Matthew 24:6 (KJV) “and ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars:...”

**WHEREAS** Jesus taught and lived a non-violent life, that cost Him His own life.

**WHEREAS** The United Methodist *Book of Discipline* Section 165C in part states that: “We believe that war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of national foreign policy, to be employed only as a last resort in the prevention of such evils as genocide, brutal suppression of human rights, and unprovoked international aggression...”

**WHEREAS** we the Annual Conference of The North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church do support President Bush and our troops in the effort to defend and protect our FREEDOM against any unprovoked international aggression and/or supporter(s) of aggression speak for ourselves.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Alabama Conference of The United Methodist Church urges President George W. Bush to complete the objective of the mission.

**Respectively submitted**

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