

**RESOLUTION #2016 - 08 (Approved)**

**Resolution Relating to Endorsing Health Care Coverage for ALL Kids in Pennsylvania**

**Presented by EPC Church and Society Work Team**

**WHEREAS**, the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church state that “health care is a basic human right”, and that “providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after injury or illness is a responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all”; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Citizens for Children and Youth have established a Dream Care Campaign to Cover ALL Kids, with guiding principles that state the following: “In 2016, every Pennsylvania child will qualify for public health insurance, either Medical Assistance or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). An estimated 38,000 Pennsylvania children are undocumented and ineligible for public coverage, and 24,000 of them are estimated to be uninsured. Numerous studies show that uninsured children fare far worse than insured children—experiencing poorer health in childhood, greater rates of avoidable hospitalizations and higher childhood mortality. Illinois, California, New York, Massachusetts, Washington State, Washington DC cover all children, and Pennsylvania can be the next.”

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Eastern Pennsylvania Conference agrees to be listed as an endorser of the Dream Care Campaign to Cover ALL Kids and agrees to mention Dream Care in appropriate communications; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Conference Secretary will notify Public Citizens for Children and Youth, 1709 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Sixth Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, of the decision to endorse the campaign.

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