



ECONOMIC JUSTICE

FIFTH ASSEMBLY, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
Resolution 88.22.11-13

- 88.22.11 (a) To commend the paper “Economic Justice – the Equitable Distribution of Genuine Wealth” to all members of the Uniting Church to study.
- (b) To request Synods, Presbyteries and parishes to offer responses to the Commission for Mission which would assist it in ongoing involvement in the debate about economic justice in Australia.
- 88.22.12 To call upon all members of the Uniting Church to work together for the elimination of poverty through a more equitable distribution of wealth, including access to services and resources.
- 88.22.13 To request the Australian Government and state governments to adopt social justice policies and strategies which
- (a) ensure the protection, development and equitable distribution of Australia’s true wealth, giving serious consideration to the issues raised in the report “Economic Justice – the Equitable Distribution of Genuine Wealth”;
- (b) discourage business development and government programs which maximise profits at the expense of such wealth;
- (c) recognise that privatisation is not simply a matter of current budgetary decisions, but an issue of government responsibility for ensuring accessible services and equitable distribution of and access to wealth, and involving serious questions about the role of government in influencing the shape of Australian society;
- (d) reform the taxation system in ways which ensure that taxation becomes a means of redistributing income and wealth so that all people gain a more equitable share, and so that those on lower incomes do not bear a disproportionate percentage of the taxation burden.