



WEST PAPUA

THIRTEENTH ASSEMBLY, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

RESOLUTION 12.38



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It was resolved to:

- a) continue to express solidarity with the people of Papua by resourcing and supporting our partner church, the Evangelical Christian Church in the Land of Papua, in its ministry of peace and reconciliation, and in its call to for all Papuans to have an effective voice in determining their future;
- b) welcome President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's stated commitment to working with the churches in Papua to end violence, and, with our partner church, call on the Indonesian Government to withdraw military forces from a security role among local communities in Papua, to hand all these responsibilities to the police, and to bring perpetrators of human rights abuses to justice;
- c) affirm initiatives taken by the Synod of Western Australia, the Synod of South Australia and Uniting Church congregations and communities with UnitingWorld as the Uniting Church in Australia engages in Papua;
- d) encourage more Uniting Church communities to engage in similar actions; and
- e) express to the Australian Government our concerns for Papua and call on the Australian Government to support initiatives that involve peace, reconciliation and the development of an effective voice for all Papuans regarding their future.