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United Nations Global Compact Communication on Engagement

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Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton, Ohio, USA

Christ Episcopal Church of Dayton, Ohio, USA, confirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement (COE) with the United Nations Global Compact. We are proud to be the first church organization to join the United Nations Global Compact.

In this Communication on Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing our actions and information with other churches in our denomination and in our local community.

Part II. Description of Actions

Christ Episcopal Church is a church of faith, openness, prayer, action and acceptance. Our mission statement is clear about our commitment to the values and practices shared with the UN Global Compact:

We are called to love and serve God, giving of ourselves as we worship, wrestle with questions of faith and nurture the Christ in all people: the friend and the stranger, the satisfied and the needy, the believer and the unbeliever.

Christ Church engages in a variety of action which support the UN Global Compact. The activities are listed below as they relate to the four core categories of the Ten Principles: Human Rights; Labor; Environment; and Anti-Corruption.

Human Rights

1. Our primary external ministry is through a non-profit organization called CityHeart, a place of hospitality and acceptance, which assists the poor, marginalized and displaced people of our region to connect to necessary services, to regain self-respect and to gain control of their lives.
2. Christ Church is a member of the Community of the Cross of Nails and supports reconciliation efforts of that community. This year we've built and dedicated the Reconciliation Labyrinth on our church property.
3. Several members of our congregation are also Rotary members and share in the Global Compact activities of their local club.
4. The Rector is the President of the Coalition for the Homeless in the city of Dayton. Our members regularly participate in Rebuilding Dayton, the local food and clothing pantries, and preparing and serving meals for the homeless at several local shelters.

5. We host monthly meetings for the local chapter of National Federation of the Blind.
6. We participate in KIVA loans, an investment opportunity to help people in countries struggling to own businesses and provide employment.
7. We display a large banner in front of our church which welcomes immigrants and refugees.
8. We support and participate in activities of the Peace Museum, located in Dayton.
9. Christ Church has hosted a Deaf Ministry for at least thirty years.
10. We purchased copies of The Illustrated Universal Declaration of Human Rights and distributed them to every member of Christ Church.
11. We co-sponsored a second printing of The Illustrated Universal Declaration of Human Rights for distribution to the community.
12. We are included in a local ecumenical organization, LEAD (Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton), which is exploring ways for the faith community to support immigration efforts and local sanctuary efforts.
13. We engage in numerous educational activities which promote and support the UN Global Compact:
 - Weekly Sermons
 - Information in *The Broadcast*, our weekly newsletter, and in the weekly church bulletin
 - Inclusion in our Annual Report
14. We also engage in other educational programs which represent the Ten Principles:
 - Adult education programs and joint services with other congregations and faith traditions: Baptist, Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, and others
 - Active relationships and collaboration with the LGBTQ+ community
 - Speakers from the Muslim community and meetings at local mosques

Labor

15. Christ Church has a clear Non-Discrimination policy.
16. Christ Church promotes justice and equality without reservation in all of its business practices and transactions.
17. Christ Church supports just and equitable labor through choosing to use Fair Trade products.

Environment

18. We promote sustainability by using 100% electric power.
19. We are the first Fair Trade church in Ohio and use only Fair trade products in our Coffee Hour and other events.
20. Christ Church participates in local activities to raise awareness and promote care of the earth and the world.

Anti-Corruption

21. We work to avoid corruption within our church and to maintain standards of compliance and accountability.

Part III. Measure of Outcomes

About 80% of the congregation participates in one or more of the activities outlined above.

We distributed over 200 copies of The Illustrated Universal Declaration of Human Rights and ordered/sponsored additional copies for distribution to the community.

The Rector and other members have been leaders in the city in areas of social justice principles and activities. Because of this, Christ Episcopal Church is known throughout the area.

Through our members and our location in downtown Dayton, Christ Church is establishing more relationships with the business community and is working on committees and projects to renew the downtown core.

Below is the statement we published in our Annual Report.

United Nations Global Compact

In 2015, Christ Episcopal Church of Dayton, Ohio, became the first faith community to join the United Nations Global Compact. The UN Global Compact started soliciting CEO and corporate commitments "to unite all global stakeholders to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and protect our planet." Global Compact members join "a voluntary initiative based on CEO commitments" and align their operations around Ten Principles of human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

Participants agree that "responsible business and investment – rooted in universal principles – will be essential to achieving transformational change through the SDGs. For companies, successful implementation will strengthen the enabling environment for doing business and building markets around the world." Christ Church is a non-business participant,

Christ Episcopal Church remains supportive of the UN Global Compact as articulated in the Ten Principles and commits to the following activities as a non-business participant:

1. To promote community through encouraging churches to form greater ties to their local communities through service activities, providing space and support for civic events, and hosting forums on topical and local concerns.
2. To host and promote events and speakers on issues of diversity, economics, justice, peace, and other global, regional and local events.
3. To initiate, encourage, and support interfaith activities.
4. To partner with other local participants in the UN Global Compact.
5. To challenge churches and civic communities to engage in global issues and concerns through public forums.
6. To build global issues into the educational programs of CEC.
7. To model the principles of diversity in our congregational website, publications, services, and public face.

If you are interested in activities related to our involvement in the UN Global Compact, please talk to Len Roberts, Sr. Warden at eaglelen47@gmail.com