

RS-226 – REGARDING THE WAR IN IRAQ

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Another year has passed and still the United States perpetuates warfare in Iraq. Since the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church met last year, another 500 Americans have died and, to our shame, we do not even know how many Iraqis have been killed, maimed, left bereft.

In sorrow, anger and contrition, this Annual Conference declares again our opposition to this immoral, unjust, evil war.

We weep with the families of whose lives have been taken. We grieve with families and individuals struggling with physical and psychological maiming, the fear and hope of those still engaged in the conflict.

We urge our Churches to have the courage to speak and act for peace.

We call upon the legislators of our Area to speak and to act to end American occupation of Iraq.

We direct the Secretary of the Annual Conference to send copies of this resolution to the Congressional legislators of the New England area, and the President of the United States