

# The Riverside Church



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## **The Riverside Church Resolution Against Genocide In Sudan**

WHEREAS, the decades-old ethnic and religious conflict in the Sudan came broadly to international attention in 2003 in news reports that Sudanese government forces were displacing people and destroying their property in Southern Sudan and Darfur, and raping and killing both non-Muslims in Southern Sudan and culturally and ethnically diverse Muslims in Darfur, where the government is reported to be supporting local militia; and

WHEREAS, the United States government, various non-governmental organizations and religious organizations have characterized their atrocities in Southern Sudan and Darfur as genocide because they have been targeted as persons based on their ethnicity and religion; and

WHEREAS, the government of Sudan has denied its non-Muslim citizens in its south, and its culturally and ethnically diverse Muslim citizens of Darfur, sanctity of life, the rule of law, civil liberties and rights in property;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by and among the members of The Riverside Church in the City of New York, that:

1. we condemn the genocide in the Sudan as violating the fundamental rights of those non-Muslims in the south, and culturally and ethnically diverse Muslims in Darfur, and will affirmatively champion the cessation of all such crimes and deprivation of civil liberties; and
2. we urge all governments and organizations, and particularly the United Nations, United States, European Union and African Union, along with organizations of faith and all other forces that may join in aid, to make like condemnation of the genocide in the Sudan and to consider steps to hasten the cessation of all such crimes and deprivation of civil liberties, including useful sanctions against the Sudanese government that would not unfairly impact those out of power or innocent in the perpetration of genocide, and particularly divestment in business organizations that enrich, or profit from, doing business with the government of Sudan.