

## CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND WELFARE INITIATIVE

1 **ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:**

2 The Rocky Mountain Conference Task Force of the Bishops’ Initiative on Children & Poverty be  
3 re-named the Rocky Mountain Conference Children’s Health and Welfare Initiative. The work of  
4 the group would remain under the umbrella of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.  
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7 **RATIONALE:**

8 In 2005, after 8 years, the Bishops’ Initiative on Children & Poverty ended as a formal Initiative  
9 sponsored by the United Methodist Bishops. While the Initiative itself has officially ended, the  
10 work and goals of the Initiative continue under the broader vision of “The Beloved Community.”  
11 The Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Global Ministries has affirmed the United Methodist  
12 Church’s call for a Global Health Initiative, stating as one of its goals:

13 “To equip United Methodists in the Rocky Mountain Conference to  
14 promote global health for all by empowering the most impoverished –  
15 especially women, children, and youth – to achieve improved health  
16 and education.”

17 The Children’s Health and Welfare Initiative will continue to carry out this work of education,  
18 advocacy, and empowerment.  
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21 **PETITION INFORMATION:**

22 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** Unless otherwise stated, the action of petitions will be effective July 1,  
23 2008. .  
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25 **TERMINATION DATE:**  
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27 **ORIGINATOR OF THE PETITION** (individual, church or organization)

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37 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

38 Will there be any financial impact to the Conference? No

39 If YES , fill in appropriate information below.

40 (To be completed by Originator of Petition)

41 Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ (Not to exceed one year.)

42 Funds provided by Annual Conference/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

43 (To be completed by Conference Council on Finance and Administration)

44 Reviewed by Council on Finance and Administration, (date) \_\_\_\_\_

45 Included in the Proposed 2007 Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No. In the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

46 Recommendation by Council concerning funding

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48 Reason(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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