



General Assembly

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Agenda item 3

Resolution adopted by the General Membership on 21 March 2018**3/01. Establishing Control Over Our Food Supply To Ensure Availability, Integrity And Cost Stability**

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging Leviticus 19:19, “You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; you shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.”

Recognizing that about 795 million people in the world – just over one in nine – were undernourished in 2014–16. That means one in nine people do not get enough food to be healthy and lead an active life. Hunger and malnutrition are in fact the number one risk to health worldwide – greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.¹

Taking note of studies that Genetically Modified plants fed directly to humans or to animals consumed by humans are causes of allergies, liver disease, sterility, and livestock death.²

Cognizant a recent UN Report declared the world needs to produce at least 50% more food to feed 9 billion people by 2050. But climate change could cut crop yields by more than 25%. The land, biodiversity, oceans, forests, and other forms of natural capital are being depleted at unprecedented rates. Unless we change how we grow our food and manage our natural capital, food security—especially for the world’s poorest—will be at risk..

Conscious that African American households spend \$5,825.34 a year on food equaling 12.7 percent (\$8,514.41) of expenditures for high-income households and 23.5 percent (\$3,910.12) of expenditures for low income households.³

Acknowledging the aforementioned assertions, the General Assembly hereby resolves to:

¹ <http://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/food/>

² <http://responsibletechnology.org/docs/145.pdf>

³ <https://www.bls.gov/opub/btn/volume-3/income-and-spending-patterns-among-black-households.htm>

1. **Authorize** YahLIFE's trustee to develop and present a plan, for General Assembly approval, establishing a distribution and processing network to regulate the production and distribution of our food supply in a manner that enhances the FDA's practices and procedures.
2. **Allocate** predictable funding from the regular budget for the effective establishment of a domestic logistics network, market exchanges, program marketing, supply chain financing, and distributor training.
3. **Encourage** YahLIFE members to begin consolidating demand within the African American community to purchase products sourced through this initiative.