

# Church Group Aims Resolution Backing Natives

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A resolution supporting indigenous peoples in their efforts to protect their land and other rights will appear on the agenda of the annual assembly of the Unitarian-Universalist Association when that body meets in Seattle next June.

The resolution was formed by the continental association's business committee from proposals submitted by the Anchorage Unitarian-Universalist Association and the Community Church of New York City.

The resolution on Indian rights reads:

"The thrust of continental policy is now, as it has been historically, the steady expropriation of Indian land and water resources for the benefit of whites in the United States. The practice has been to locate the Indians on the most arid and least

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productive land. In Canada, National Treaty rights are continually being eroded;

“Be it resolved: That the 1970 General Assembly of the Unitarian-Universalist Association urges the support of independent indigenous organizations to protect, safeguard from exploitation, consider recompense to the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts for the continuing encroachment by ranching, mining, lumbering and hydro-electric interests upon their human rights, property values and water resources.”