Resolution 2 - Resistance to Development of Artificial Intelligence

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Whereas, Community of Christ scriptures states “you who are my disciples must be found continuing in the forefront of those organizations and movements which are recognizing the worth of persons,” (D&C 151:9) and “courageously challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God,” (D&C 163:3b) and

Whereas, Many technology experts agree that the development of Artificial Intelligence poses both known and unknown societal-scale risks to humans and the Earth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center joins the call for a prohibition on the development of superintelligence, supports the pause on development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), opposes the creation of data centers that negatively impact creation, requests an indication of any resource produced using AI, and encourages its congregations, campgrounds, ministries, and members to refrain from the use of AI which devalues the worth of persons; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Mission Center approves the submission of the following resolution and background statement for consideration at the next Community of Christ World Conference:

> **Resolution - Resistance to Development of Artificial Intelligence**
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> *Resolved*, That Community of Christ joins the call for a prohibition on the development of superintelligence, not to be lifted before there is broad scientific consensus that it will be done safely and controllably and there is strong public buy-in;
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> *Resolved*, That Community of Christ affirms that mitigating the risk of extinction from Artificial Intelligence should be a global priority alongside other societal-scale risks such as pandemics and nuclear war;
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> *Resolved*, That Community of Christ opposes the construction and operation of data centers which negatively impact the sacredness of creations; and
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> *Resolved,* That an indication shall be stated when a church resource is produced using Artificial Intelligence and all jurisdictions, employees, and members are encouraged to refrain from the use of Artificial Intelligence which devalues the worth of persons.
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> <u>Background Statement</u>
> The development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) raises many concerns such as the spread of disinformation, elimination of jobs, violation of copyright laws, mass surveillance, deployment of autonomous weapons, increased carbon emissions, rising utility costs, pollution of water systems, and the potential extinction of humanity. Many organizations and leaders including AI experts are calling for a pause in developing AI before consequences become severe or uncontrollable. This resolution aligns with the call for disciples to be in the forefront of those organizations and movements which are recognizing the worth of persons and to challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God.