

Resolution

May 2005

Whereas metallic sulfide mining risks significant and possibly irreversible harm to water resources in environmentally fragile areas, and

Whereas Michigan's mining legislation and rules are new and untested, and

Whereas communities in mining areas may suffer adverse long-term impacts from changes in infrastructure and socioeconomic conditions, and

Whereas the metallic sulfide ores that exist in the Upper Peninsula will remain in place without mining, and may increase in value with time, and

Whereas this resolution is supported by our Unitarian Universalist principles.

Be it therefore resolved that the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation (MUUC) oppose metallic sulfide mining in the Upper Peninsula until it is demonstrated that it can be done to our satisfaction without damaging water resources.

Be it also resolved that the MUUC Social Action Committee follow closely any application for a mining permit under Michigan's mining law and regulations and be prepared to attend public hearings and use other opportunities for input on the issue.

Be it further resolved that the Social Action Committee make the Congregation's position public, and work with other citizens groups on this issue.