

Resolution for Presbytery

November 15, 2014

Justice and Compassion Ministry Team and the Joining Hands Action Team recommend that the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy adopt the following resolution and oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), *as it is currently being negotiated* and the Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track), a procedure for quick Congressional approval:

Whereas the TPA (Fast Track) would allow TPP to be approved by an up or down vote with limited debate and without opportunity for review and amendment by Congress and the American people,

Whereas the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) is being negotiated in secrecy with almost no public access or review from Congress and would threaten environmental and food safety standards, regulation of the banking industry, accessibility to generic pharmaceuticals, democratic principles and the sovereignty of governments,

Whereas the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy has a long-standing commitment to working for economic justice and for protection of the environment, workers rights, and democratic principles, and has supported global mission partnerships,

Whereas the PC(USA) has stated in repeated General Assemblies that corporations should not have the right to override the sovereignty of governments to regulate public health, labor rights, and environmental protections or to cause harm to indigenous communities or other vulnerable populations and that trade should function as a means of grace to create dignified work that supports peoples' lives, puts food on the table and undergirds the creation of a just society,

Therefore be it resolved that the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy officially oppose the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP).