

RESOLUTION #3

On Support for the Congressional Progressive Caucus Budget

Resolved that WPEC recognizes the Congressional Progressive Caucus 2015 “Better Off Budget” [<http://cpc.grijalva.house.gov/better-off-budget/>] as representative of the social and economic priorities best aligned with WPEC’s own; and in particular be it further

Resolved that WPEC welcomes the Better Off Budget’s proposed cuts in military spending, attention to job creation, increases in spending on education, embrace of transition to single payer medical insurance, investment in our nation’s social and physical infrastructure, increase in taxes on corporations and the very wealthy, attention to climate change with a carbon tax, and imposition of a financial transfer (“Robin Hood”) tax; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC will seek ways to work with members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus in Wisconsin to generate understanding and support for the CPC budget and will sponsor the May 14 forum at the Madison Labor Temple on this subject with panelists including U.S. Representative Mark Pocan and David Newby, former President of the WIAFL-CIO; and be it further

Resolved the WPEC will seek ways to engage its members with members of the CPC and other members of Congress in the long-term political process required to create the conditions for passage of a federal budget that implements the CPC’s and WPEC’s priorities; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC’s president or other officer shall report to the WPEC convention delegates no less than once a year what steps the union leadership has taken to implement this resolution; and be it further

Resolved that WPEC will submit this resolution, appropriately changed to refer to AFT and a national rather than Wisconsin context where this resolution refers to WPEC, to the AFT timely for consideration at its July 2014 national convention.

Submitted by Barb Smith