

# Churches Call for Impeaching

Los Angeles

A call to Congress to institute impeachment proceedings quickly against President Nixon has been issued by the governing board of the National Council of Churches.

The group represents Protestant and Eastern Orthodox congregations with memberships totaling 42 million.

The 250-member board of the council voted overwhelmingly to adopt an impeachment resolution Thursday, winding up a four-day meeting here. The board said impeachment is needed "to restore confidence in the office of the President of the United States."

Stressing that the President could not disclaim responsibility for the actions of his appointed officials, the resolution said: "... The President has abused, or permitted those who served at his will to abuse, the prerogatives of his office and infringe upon the rights and protections guaranteed every person by the Constitution."

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