

**Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association**  
**RESOLUTION**

**OUTREACH & INREACH TO ADDRESS JEWISH DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**

1992

The 1991 National Jewish Population Survey, published by the Conference of Jewish Federations has alerted the Jewish community to demographic challenges facing the North American Jewish community. It is crucial that all Jewish institutions, including those of the Reconstructionist movement and organizations served by Reconstructionist rabbis, respond in new and innovative ways to address the decreasing population of identified Jews.

In seeking a response, we urge that:

1. Members of the RRA actively work with their constituents to increase sensitivity to issues of inclusivity in their communities. The goal is to examine and improve how genuinely and effectively we extend a welcome to all Jews including those who are single, elderly, disabled, intermarried, gay or lesbian, poor or non-white.
2. Members of the RRA become advocates in the wider Jewish community for upgraded efforts to include all Jews in the membership and leadership of the organizations to which they belong.

Further, we call for the 1993 RRA Convention topic to focus on issues of outreach and inreach. Topics should include the issues involved in conversion, support for Jewish education and Jewish home life, building inclusive communities, and intermarriage, including the question of rabbinic officiation at weddings between Jew and non-Jews. The goal of the 1993 Convention should be to formulate a coherent response to the 1991 Jewish Populations Survey.