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RESOLUTION: EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL

WHEREAS the moral tradition of the Christian Church has long stressed that each person be treated equally by the temporal powers administering society's laws, and

WHEREAS the administration of equal justice is a difficult task fundamental to a democratic society, and

WHEREAS in many states and localities in the United States minorities have not always been protected by the law in the same manner as the majority population, and

WHEREAS the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's successfully ended some of the existing inequities in the United States, and

WHEREAS many states in the Union still employ a double standard of justice, one for black people and the other for whites, and

WHEREAS one of the victims of political repression in North Carolina is Dr. James Grant, a native of Hartford, Connecticut,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1974 Annual meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church Or Christ urge the federal authorities and the civil authorities in North Carolina, including Governor James E. Holshouse Jr., and all the State's legislators, to cease the harassment and repression of all people in that State who are utilizing their constitutionally guaranteed freedoms to express their point of view, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the cases of James Grant, T.J. Reddy, and Charles Parker be reviewed immediately by the North Carolina Board of Parole and the Atlantic Federal Court in light of the above stated principles, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, upon approval of this resolution, forward it to the General Synod of the denomination with a recommendation for its adoption by that body, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of North Carolina, and two United States Senators and the leaders of the General Assembly of North Carolina; and that copies also be sent to the entire Connecticut Congressional delegation; and to the news media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to other state United Church of Christ Conferences for their action.