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RESOLUTION: NEED FOR SHELTERS FOR ABUSED WOMEN IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, The nationwide problem of the "battered woman" has recently become a public and prominent concern, expressing itself through women's groups and through the media; and

WHEREAS, there is urgent need for abused women and their children to remove themselves from violence in the home and have emergency shelters which provide protection, counseling and other assistance; and

WHEREAS, There is need for public awareness and support of this largely unmet need in our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, There is need for corrective legislation to assure these women of adequate protection; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Task Force on Abused Women, organized in September, 1976, has alerted many towns in our state to this problem, resulting in the formation of local committees acting on this issue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ ask its local churches to:

1. Study the issue;
2. Support the needed legislative reforms;
3. Assist in and encourage the establishment of shelters in communities where they are needed.