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RESOLUTION SEMINARY STUDENTS AND ORDINANDS

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ is committed to a tradition of excellence in theological education, and has long expressed supportive concern for its seminarians; and

WHEREAS this commitment and this concern are more important than ever, given the difficulties facing those who would minister to the Church and to the world; and

WHEREAS we believe it essential that those preparing for the ordained ministry in the United Church of Christ have a thorough knowledge of and appreciation-for our denominational heritage and an understanding of the practical dimensions of parish ministry; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference reaffirm its support of those attending seminaries supported by and/or related to the United Church of Christ by publishing their names at each Annual Meeting and encouraging the churches to remember them earnestly in their prayers, and further,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Ministry be instructed to assess the adequacy of financial support provided to seminarians by the Conference and to report its findings and recommendations to the 1979 Annual Meeting, and further,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Ministry be charged to consider whether ordinands should serve in church related institutions or parishes as interns as one of the requirements of their ordination. After adequate study, the Department should make its recommendation to the Annual Meeting of the Conference no later than 1980. Such a recommendation, if approved by the Conference, should be forwarded to the General Synod for its consideration.