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RESOLUTION: ON CENTRAL AMERICA

WHEREAS, The prophet Micah envisioned the Kingdom of God as a time when "they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid. (4:4), and

WHEREAS, Jesus called us to love our neighbors as ourselves and, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, taught his followers to be neighbors to those in need, and

WHEREAS, The people of Central America are our neighbors, closely tied to us geographically, historically, and economically, and

WHEREAS, We as citizens are being asked by our government to support policies and regimes in Central America about which there is a wide divergence of opinions and

WHEREAS, Most of the information available about Central America in the media deals with political and military issues in the context of United States national self-interest;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 1985 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference urge the churches of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ to make a study of Central America so as to understand the aspirations, customs, culture, and faith of its peoples and to seek ways that North American Christians can join with Central Americans to establish a more just and peaceful society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Society of the Connecticut Conference prepare and distribute material to the churches to assist them in this study and search, informing the churches of positions taken by the United Church of Christ Board For World Ministries and the national Office For Church in Society.