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PRONOUNCEMENT: CHRISTIAN CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY - VOTING

WHEREAS, God has called us to be stewards of the earth and has commanded us to love one another; and

WHEREAS, We live in a world threatened by nuclear war, AIDS, overpopulation, hunger, and a growing disparity between the rich and the poor; and

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ has traditionally related Christian faith with responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, In the United States every citizen 18 years of age and over has the constitutionally guaranteed right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Of the 2.42 million eligible Connecticut citizens, 30.9 percent were not registered and of those registered 38.6 percent did not vote in the 1986 national elections; and

WHEREAS, General elections profoundly shape the future of our nation and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 120th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, affirm the responsibility of all Christians to vote and call on the churches of the Connecticut Conference to encourage their members through education and other appropriate means to be responsible informed voters in all elections.