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PRONOUNCEMENT: REAFFIRMING OUR CALL FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE  
TAXATION

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ called his hearers to turn from concern about their own wealth or standing and to involve themselves in the basic, vital needs of others (Matthew 19:16-22, Luke 12:22-31); and

WHEREAS, The early church adhered to a communality of life among its members (Acts 2:44-47); and

WHEREAS, The Task Force on Fair and Equitable Taxation, established by the 115th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference, has concluded that a good tax system needs to be balanced, equitable, and adequate; and continued reliance upon sales taxes, property taxes, and many other selective taxes no longer provides for the needs of the people of Connecticut and is creating a perennial budgetary crisis, making it difficult to provide adequate resources for the present and long-range needs of our society;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 122nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, encourage our local churches to educate themselves about the response of the present tax structure to local basic needs.