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RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR GOD'S DIRECTION IN THE CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, "Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12); and

WHEREAS, "We do not wage war according to human standards, for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human....(2 Corinthians 10: 3,4); and

WHEREAS, Prayer and Fasting are suggested by Jesus to deal with especially difficult situations (Mark 9:29); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Conference continues to face a deficit budget; and

WHEREAS, Church finances are an outward reflection of deeper issues than just the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Church finances can be increased by increasing the number of people in the Body of Christ (Evangelism) and by the amount each one gives (Stewardship); and

WHEREAS, Loren Mead suggests, we are between Church paradigms; and

WHEREAS, Reinstating the "\$2.00 per capita membership dues" suggests holding on to an old paradigm; and

WHEREAS, The "Summary of a Report of the Special Committee" is a positive step in the direction of a new paradigm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 127th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, call on all willing churches to covenant together in a continuing vigil of Prayer and Fasting, each church taking responsibility for one week of fasting and prayer, for God's direction for our Conference, our Associations, and our Churches; and

BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Boards, Staff, and Committees share in a time of prayer and fasting for God's direction for our Conference, our Associations, and our Churches.