

## 1996 RESOLUTION: REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, God's vision of shalom described by Micah assumes that every household will be adequately and safely housed "... they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid" (4:4); and

WHEREAS, The psalmist expects provision will be made to shelter everyone: "God gives the desolate a home to live in..." (68:6a), and "Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself..." (84:3); and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, through the New Samaritan Corporation and its management firms, has been successfully engaged for twenty-five years in efforts to provide affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state funding has been in recent years and continues to be dramatically reduced, indicating a diminished commitment to providing adequate affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Present circumstances place an increasing burden of hardship on low income people, especially the 10 percent of households forced to pay over 50 percent of available income for housing, and the 53 percent of renters unable to afford a two bedroom apartment in Connecticut where rents are among the highest in the nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 129th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, reaffirm our commitment to supporting efforts to provide adequate housing, especially for those most needy, by educating ourselves about housing conditions, by encouraging the efforts of those engaged in providing affordable housing, and by making known to our legislators in Connecticut individually and as a body that we believe it is a priority for every household in this great State to have the opportunity to have safe, decent, affordable housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to this end, the 129th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference reaffirm the commitment to encourage the investment of at least ten percent of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and all local church endowment funds to this and similar endeavors.