

A RESOLUTION OF AFFIRMATION CALLING FOR RECOGNITION FOR SACRED TIME
Submitted by the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich

WHEREAS the Scriptures call for a time of Sabbath rest for all that God created, and

WHEREAS we are told to be still in order that we might come to know God, and

WHEREAS Jesus spoke often of the need for sacred space and modeled that need by going to a lonely place to renew his body and spirit, and

WHEREAS the pace of life has increased because of the multi-option world in which we live and because of the technology that is constantly interrupting our opportunity for a time of rest and renewal as individuals and as families, and

WHEREAS because of consumerism and athletic endeavors Sabbath time has diminished, and

WHEREAS there is a rise in childhood emotional diseases and in family dysfunction and marital breakup which experts in the fields of psychology and medicine attribute to the loss of Sabbath/Sacred Time, and

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ go on record in calling its churches to affirm the need for a designated Sabbath/Sacred Time when individuals and families can just be in the presence of God and with each other without the calls of this world requiring their attention, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the churches and their members study and discuss this resolution and seek ways to implement its content in its church, family and community life. And such discussion should begin with the study of Scripture that pertains to Sabbath time and times for rest and reflection, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference send this resolution to the national offices of the United Church of Christ for similar study.