RESOLUTION OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by the Environmental Ministry Team of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ

WHEREAS, we are called by God to be stewards of the earth (Genesis 1:26), follow God's commandments lest risk the earth's desolation (Deuteronomy 28); and

WHEREAS, Jesus came as a light to show us the way (John 12:46-47), calling on us to be alert (Matthew 24:42; 25:13) and follow him into discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20); and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has a historic commitment to the responsible stewardship of Creation *; and

WHEREAS, responsible stewardship can only be possible with an informed, organized and active citizenry engaged with government and the private sector, that relies on transparency, such as the sharing of research, planning documents, and other resources; and

WHEREAS, transparency is essential for public confidence in the political process and development projects, and allows for a truly democratic and spirited debate on issues of concern for citizens; and

WHEREAS, the construction or upgrading of energy infrastructure may threaten water, air or land quality, the natural resources of our State; it is imperative that the relevant bodies of our government assure transparency of communication between builders and the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 151st Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ call upon members as stewards of creation to become informed about energy infrastructure projects in their locales, to exchange such information among themselves, to work with local and state governmental agencies to promote optimal environmental quality; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call upon members of local churches to advocate for legislation to require complete transparency with regard to energy infrastructure development and construction in local communities.
Resolutions
U.C.C. Connecticut Conference:
1973 - Resolution: Environmental Concerns
1977 - Resolution: Confronting the Energy Issue
1979 - Resolution: The Energy Crisis
1981 – Hazardous Waste and Water Pollution
1989 – Solid Waste and Ecologically Sound Lifestyle
2008 - Resolution on the Urgency for Action on Climate Change
2016 - Resolution of Implementation to Help Achieve State Mandated Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Support the Increase in Renewable Energy Resources in Connecticut

U.C.C. General Synod:
2005 – Call for Environmental Education and Action
2005 – Resolution on Supporting Congregations and Providing Guidance for Stewardship
2007 – Resolution on Climate Change
2013 - On Making UCC Church Buildings More Carbon Neutral
2013 – Resolution Urging Divestment – Along with Other Strategies – from Fossil Fuels Companies to Address Climate Change
2015 – Transition for Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy