

1 **RESOLUTION OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION**
2 **ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

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5 Church of Christ

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

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

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

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16 **WHEREAS**, responsible stewardship can only be possible with an informed, organized and
17 active citizenry engaged with government and the private sector, that relies on
18 transparency, such as the sharing of research, planning documents, and other resources;
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21 **WHEREAS**, transparency is essential for public confidence in the political process and
22 development projects, and allows for a truly democratic and spirited debate on issues of
23 concern for citizens; and

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

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

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35 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we call upon members of local churches to advocate for
36 legislation to require complete transparency with regard to energy infrastructure
37 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