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RESOLUTION ON WELFARE NEEDS

WHEREAS: Since scripture tells us, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy, and to the poor in the land," and also charges us " . . . to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

WHEREAS: And since for a family of four, \$253.27 per month is not enough to cover all regular and specific needs, including rent, fuel, utilities, food, clothing, personal and household costs, telephone bills, appliances, furniture, installation and repair costs, and other similar expenses, including transportation,

WHEREAS: And since the cost of housing varies widely throughout the State,

WHEREAS: And since the cost of clothing and feeding children varies considerably with size and age,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ respectfully urges the Governor of the State of Connecticut, the State Welfare Commissioner, the General Assembly, and the Courts of Connecticut, to take immediate fiscal action to raise or otherwise obtain sufficient funds to restore welfare cuts, a cost of living varying with communities. That the grant system be implemented on the basis of a varied grant system according to local cost of living standards as opposed to programming of money, and as our representatives to provide for the needs of our poor brother's child,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: And in the event that our Governor fails to hear our plea, that the Conference direct the Department of Church and Society to organize a massive campaign through letters, telegrams and phone calls to provide additional pressure on the Governor to reconsider his actions,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: And that a Pastoral letter be directed from the Conference Minister to be read from all pulpits, upholding our responsibility as Christians to feed and clothe the poor.