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RESOLUTION: SHARING THE COST OF GOVERNMENT FAIRLY

WHEREAS all money, whether used in private or public ways, is considered by Christians as a sacred trust from God to be used for the furtherance of Justice, wholeness, equality and peace, and

WHEREAS there are tremendous inequalities in the present tax structure of our nation, producing undue burden on people least able to pay for the services needed to provide for health and equal opportunity in life, and

WHEREAS taxes should provide adequate revenues, should be simple and understandable, should fall on tax payers in accordance with their ability to pay, and should be compatible with economic incentive to personal and national productivity,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the study paper on "Sharing the Cost of Government Fairly" and its bibliography, is received by the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ for study in the local churches for the purpose of enabling the people of our fellowship to understand more clearly the moral issues involved in tax reform and to speak and act competently for legislative action to bring about revision of our tax laws. Undue hardship would be created by sudden radical change of tax laws; major reforms should be planned in steps extending over several years.