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## RESOLUTION: HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS 1973 marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that this affords an opportune moment for the United States to assume again its role as leader in the field of Human Rights in and among all nations of the world.

We believe that the implementation of existing standards of Human Rights is a matter of the highest priority. It is a demand of the Gospel that Christians become directly involved in processes of change of all social structures in which Human Rights are not fully implemented.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. We urge our churches and members to study the existing international instruments for the protection of Human Rights and the use of these instruments in the struggle for social and economic justice.
2. We urge our churches and members to act for the implementation of Human Rights in this nation and in every nation of the world, especially where these rights are being violated, seeking to avoid all ideological prejudice and having a main concern always to bring assistance to the victims themselves.
3. We urge the Government of the United States, in light of the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 10, 1973, to ratify the Genocide Convention, the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
4. We urge that the United States Government increase its support of and use of the United Nations and its affiliated agencies.
5. We urge renewed efforts to create a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as part of the necessity for a prompt, systematic, and judicious procedure for handling complaints regarding Human Rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We urge the Department of HEW to establish procedures for the education of our educators to enable them to understand the underlying difficulties involved, the social implications and the results of the implementation of programs to educate this nation to accept those laws already established for the promotion of racial, religious, social and sexual equality.