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RESOLUTION: REFORM OF THE COURT SYSTEM

WHEREAS the teaching of Jesus emphasizes respecting the dignity of every person and having compassion in our dealing with each other, and

WHEREAS our system for controlling crime is ineffective, unjust, and expensive, so that, according to Edmund J. Gubbins, Director of Education, Connecticut Department of Corrections and FBI sources, 80% of the crimes in the next 10 years will be committed by persons presently in prison, and

WHEREAS justice delayed is often justice denied,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference supports a reform of the court system to include swifter justice and the avoidance of delay in bringing cases to trial, with the emphasis on criminal justice or rehabilitation of persons without any form of mandatory capital punishment.