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RESOLUTION: WORLD HUNGER

WHEREAS Americans have been continually made aware of the "hunger dilemma" of our world through the mass media, and

WHEREAS this situation has been brought before our attention recently because of the drought in Africa, and

WHEREAS we have become a society that consumes more foodstuffs than is necessary for good health, and we have developed an attitude of waste in our consumption of foodstuffs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ encourage its members and all Christians to confront this problem of world hunger by the following activities:

- a. Support morally and financially any credible organizations that seek to fight the battle against hunger. Such support should be given to the United Nations through such channels as Church World Service and CROP.
- b. Work through the political processes at directing government funding to fight this worldwide dilemma. Communication with elected officials is an essential element of this process.
- c. Alter home eating habits so as to combat waste of precious foodstuffs. Such habits would include serving smaller portions and cleaning one's plate.
- d. Seek to initiate measures in communities to eliminate waste. Such measures should include seeking restaurateurs' support in advertising portion sizes and the offering of "doggy bags" for excess food; enlisting the support of supermarkets in an effort to have them seek methods to eliminate waste of unsold foodstuffs.
- e. Share this message to our communities through the use of local mass media and to educate our communities through seminars and programming through our local churches and government to the issue of hunger.
- f. Urge our government to distribute food to people in need regardless of their political affiliations.
- g. In that much of the world grain supply is used to fatten the meat for our tables, we urge the members of our churches to be very careful in their consumption of meat products.