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RESOLUTION: CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CLERGY

WHEREAS we live in rapidly changing times, and

WHEREAS ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ need to be renewed and refreshed to meet the changing needs of each new day, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ looks to the ministers of the churches for leadership in providing a contemporary ministry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ:

1. affirms the need of all clergy and professional staff in some form of career assessment and continuing education,
2. recommends to the churches of the Conference that they encourage their ministers in career assessment and continuing education by:
 - a. providing at least one week per year (exclusive of vacation time) for the program and,
 - b. providing in their local church budgets at least \$100 to help defray the cost of continuing education for their pastor,
3. make provision as funds are available for regular increases in the budget of the Department of Church and Ministry for the establishment of a fund for scholarship assistance to ministers as needed,
4. encourage each Association of the Conference to establish a fund providing scholarship assistance for continuing education,
5. continues to cooperate with other judicatories in strengthening programs of continuing education for clergy.