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RESOLUTION: FAIRNESS TO INDOCHINA VETERANS

WHEREAS American society must proceed to heal the wounds at home and abroad caused by the war in Indochina and to reconcile all people in peace, and

WHEREAS the national disunity brought about by the war in Indochina has caused some in this nation to scorn the conscientious acts of those who resisted the call to bear arms and others to belittle the sacrifice of those who accepted the call to military service, and

WHEREAS the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ meeting on October 16, 1971 has spoken in favor of a general amnesty to those who in conscience refused military service, and

WHEREAS as Christians we are called to work for reconciliation among all people,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, call upon the appropriate authorities of the Government of the United States to grant to Indochina Veterans benefits commensurate with those given to veterans of recent wars, and be it further

RESOLVED that all discharges of those veterans who were less than honorable be reviewed, to provide for more equitable and humane treatment, and be it further

RESOLVED that this body calls upon all congregations of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ to include in their Christian Education and social concerns programs a serious consideration of the needs of returning veterans.