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RESOLUTION: WORLD HUNGER

WHEREAS a Proposed Pronouncement and Proposals for Action entitled "The United Church of Christ Confronts- the World Food Crisis" was submitted to the Churches, the Conferences and the delegates to the Tenth General Synod for study and comment prior to that Synod; and

WHEREAS the Tenth General Synod has by now taken action on the World Food Crisis, and information about that action is available to us, and

WHEREAS suggested objectives and strategies for implementation of this resolution are available for consideration,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference Annual Meeting of October 10-12, 1975, affirms the importance of the reduction of world hunger as an ongoing, integral part of our Christian responsibility and directs to the attention of local churches and the Connecticut Conference to study and act upon the following goals:

I. CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING

To help the members of the Connecticut Conference Churches to become more fully aware of the critical nature of the worldwide hunger problem, and of the responsibilities it places upon all Christians; and to motivate church members to individual and collective action.

II. LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION

To achieve among the members of the Connecticut Conference churches voluntary and pertinent changes in personal and family ways of life including reduction in their use and waste of food and other resources, and the contribution of the resultant savings to help the hungry; and similarly to encourage local congregations and the Connecticut Conference in its various meetings to undertake such modification of their institutional styles as will release resources for the meeting of human hunger.

III. CITIZEN ACTION

To involve the churches of the Connecticut Conference and their members in ecumenical and denominational campaigns to secure and implement United States and inter-governmental policies that seek to resolve the world problem of domestic and international hunger within the context of development, international economic cooperation and social justice. (Based on balanced factual judgments)

IV. FUND RAISING

To increase substantially the giving of the United Church of Christ membership through the established benevolence channels of the denomination for programs of emergency feeding,

agricultural development, more equitable distribution of available food supplies between and within countries and for other food and hunger-related programs.

V. RESOURCE ALLOCATION To formulate and apply criteria for the allocation of Connecticut Conference personnel and funds for combating world hunger, giving priority to programs attacking the root causes of hunger and malnutrition and to promoting maximum food production and population stabilization throughout the world.