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RESOLUTION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS the Scriptures exhort us to do justice to the afflicted and needy, and

WHEREAS we are exhorted by our Scriptures to "remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them; and those who are ill treated", and

WHEREAS all phases of our Criminal and Juvenile Justice System (Police, Courts, Probation, Incarceration and Rehabilitation) are in need of improvement through continuing and compassionate public understanding and concern,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting gathered in West Hartford ask the local churches to study and become deeply aware of the operation and results : the system of Juvenile and Criminal Justice systems in Connecticut and actively support legislative activities for reform and improvement of these systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask the Department of Church and Society to study and develop policies to guide local churches in this matter and represent the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ at legislative hearings and related meetings concerned with this subject, and to inform the churches of the Conference how best they can support the inmates in CCL Somers in the request for a prisoners' grievance committee.