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RESOLUTION: HUNGER IN CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS the Christian Church has a long established tradition of helping individuals fulfill their greatest potential without depriving them of their individual dignity, and

WHEREAS the cost of living continues to rise, while Connecticut's semi-skilled and unskilled employment opportunities continue a ten year decline, and

WHEREAS state public assistance has dropped to a record of 20-25% below federal poverty levels; and

WHEREAS the volunteer Food Council estimates that over a quarter of a million dollars of donated food is distributed annually in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS approximately 40% of the referrals to the Food Council are from the State Welfare Department, and

WHEREAS the need for food is increasing and already is far greater than volunteer groups in the state can respond to,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local churches, groups of churches, and the Department of Church and Society of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ plan, carry out, and report for publication, the ways in which they deal with hunger in their community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Society of the Connecticut Conference encourage and support efforts to correct abuses in the Federal Food Stamp Program, to make Food Stamps available for people up to the poverty level and/or in emergency, and to increase the level of public assistance in the State of Connecticut.