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RESOLUTION: ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, the production and consumption of energy deal with questions purpose, meaning and ultimate worth; and

WHEREAS, The energy issue is vital to any concern for human needs and the Church has a responsibility, mandated by the Gospel message we proclaim, to develop a framework for making ethical choices and to formulate criteria for addressing these needs; and

WHEREAS, the framework embraces a philosophy of life style and calls for a participation in decision making by those whose lives are going to be affected; and

WHEREAS, the Environment and Energy Committee of the United Church of Christ has already demonstrated its leadership in this field by initiating the Christianity and Creation Project for which the Christian Conference of Connecticut recently assumed sponsorship;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ continue the existence of the Environment and Energy Committee and instruct it to do the following:

1. Study all aspects of natural resource conservation (including energy) in Connecticut;
2. Inform member churches and their congregations of these problems and of possible solutions; and
3. Cooperate with CHRISCON in establishing an ongoing Christianity and Creation Project that will raise Christian consciousness about the moral implications of environmental protection, and finally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ confront the Energy Issue by the study of the First Draft of Proposed Energy Policy Statement of the United Church of Christ task Force on Christian Life Style and Ecology in order to open up a discussion process whereby the churches may become better informed and report their findings to Wesley Hotchkiss, chairperson of the U.C.C. Task Force, so that their input might be taken seriously in the subsequent revisions of this report which will be presented to the General Synod for adoption in 1979.