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RESOLUTION: AFFIRMATION OF THE ELEVENTH GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTION
ON DISARMAMENT

WHEREAS the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ in July of 1977, in a resolution on disarmament, called upon the government to take the following steps:

1. That we push for reduction in the number of nuclear weapons by pursuit of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) working for a SALT II agreement based on the Vladivostok Accord of 1974 and commitment to early and substantial reductions in SALT III.
2. That there be a halt in development and deployment of new strategic weapons systems to include the cruise missile, the mobile ICBM and the MARK 12-A warhead.
3. That the U.S. should continue actively toward a comprehensive test ban treaty which would require all nations to halt all underground nuclear weapons test and commend the President for his announcement at his conference of June 13, 1977, that our government is beginning this week to work closely with the Soviet Union on a comprehensive test ban treaty to prohibit all testing of nuclear devices underground or in the atmosphere.
4. That the U.S. should renounce nuclear 'first strike' and 'first use' of nuclear weapons.
5. That we should ban the export of highly enriched uranium or plutonium technology which has nuclear weapon potential as one means to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.
6. That there should be continued efforts to reach agreement on the draft treaty prohibiting developments, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons and provisions for the destruction of existing stockpiles.
7. That the U.S. should promptly adopt and implement policies to facilitate the conversion of production and employment from military purposes to peaceful purposes and meet the enormous accumulated unmet needs of the American people.

THEFEOFRE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ affirm its support for the action taken on disarmament by the United Church of Christ at the Eleventh General Synod; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference direct the Department of Christian Education to compile and make available resources to the Christian education programs of the local churches for the prayerful study of the disarmament issue by persons of all ages; and that the Department of Church and Society also compile and distribute resource materials on disarmament to local churches.

