

1979

RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY CONCERNING CHRISTIAN
PSYCHIATRIC HALFWAY HOUSES

WHEREAS the Body of Christ has been given the gift of healing (1 Cor. 12:9) and has been directed by Jesus to "heal the sick" (Matt. 10:3, Luke 9:2), and

WHEREAS due to lack of the supportive help they need, many patients discharged from our psychiatric hospitals either return to the hospital or lead depressive, unproductive lives, depending on welfare for their existence, and

WHEREAS recidivism, or welfare dependency, fosters more illness and dependency, and

WHEREAS there is a great need for structured spiritual, mental and emotional support for the person emerging from the psychiatric hospitals of Connecticut to prepare the person for independent and productive life in our community, and

WHEREAS the inadequate number of halfway houses that are now operating are secular, and

WHEREAS there is no Christian psychiatric halfway house in Connecticut which addresses itself to the spiritual needs, religious life and growth of the whole person,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, through its instrumentalities, conduct a study for the 1980 annual meeting to determine the feasibility of establishing halfway houses to facilitate the spiritual, mental and emotional healing desperately needed by many individuals in the transition from psychiatric hospital to useful life in society.