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RESOLUTION: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974

WHEREAS the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 requires that ministers who are employed, not as pastors but as employees of Church related agencies (such as schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, etc.), must be removed from the U.C.C. Pension Plan by 1982; and

WHEREAS this action is a completely unwarranted invasion of church business by the state, and will work hardship on ministers who choose to exercise their ministry in bodies related to the United Church of Christ which are not local churches, and

WHEREAS the U.C.C. Pension Boards, in alliance with the Pension Funds of other denominations, is engaged in an effort to repeal the offensive provisions of this legislation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference adds its voice to those seeking to maintain the right of our Pension Boards to include in its membership all ministers who serve the United Church of Christ, whether in local churches or other instrumentalities or agencies of the Church,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Department of Church and Society make this concern known to the Senators and Representatives who represent Connecticut in the U.S. Congress.