

1980 RESOLUTION: COMBATING HUNGER

WHEREAS the problem of world hunger is increasing in severity, with up to 500 million persons world-wide suffering daily from severe malnutrition and starvation; and

WHEREAS Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' movement, and DMPACT, an interfaith information network, are programs that have proven effective in changing institutions and public policies that are behind the reality of hunger in the United States and world-wide; and

WHEREAS the United States' role in the elimination of hunger is critical, with the recent Presidential Commission on World Hunger calling for the United States to make the elimination of hunger the cornerstone of American relationships with the developing world; and

WHEREAS Christians are called to "feed the hungry" and consistently to identify with the poorest and the neediest,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference urge all pastors and churches and church members to do the following things:

1. Study the report or a synopsis of the report of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger;
2. Join Bread for the World and IMPACT;
3. Support United Church of Christ anti-hunger programs by contributing to the Hunger Action Fund, Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, and by continuing to increase support for Our Christian World Mission Basic Support as tangible means of feeding hungry persons; and
4. Contact the Basic Human Needs Task Group of the Department of Mission and Stewardship for world hunger speaker recommendations.
5. Direct the Department of Mission and Stewardship to provide informational materials, including a summary of the Presidential Commission, to local churches.