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RESOLUTION: THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

WHEREAS each of the four gospels witnesses to the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ spent a large portion of his ministry healing the sick, and then commissioned his disciples to continue this ministry of healing;

WHEREAS the early Christian Church actively engaged in a ministry of healing in the name of Jesus;

WHEREAS the contemporary church has, in many denominations in many geographical areas (including the United Church of Christ congregations in Connecticut), rediscovered the power of God through Christ to heal those who are sick of body, mind and spirit;

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ is called to be an instrument bringing God's reconciling power to the people of our world, and one aspect of that reconciliation is the wholeness of body, mind and spirit; and

WHEREAS the Twelfth General Synod adopted an overture supporting and seeking to promote the ministry of spiritual healing in the United Church of Christ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ affirms the power of God to heal bodies, minds and spirits in our world today;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting endorses and affirms the Overture on Healing adopted by the Twelfth General Synod;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting requests the Vocational Resources Committee of the Department of Church and Ministry to:

1. inform churches, clergy and laity of the healing ministries in and around Connecticut
2. provide resources and instruction in the ministry of God's healing; including methods such as healing prayer, touch and the sacraments; and
3. inform closely related U.C.C. seminaries in the same manner, urging the establishment of appropriate courses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Meeting calls upon the Department of Church Development to encourage local congregations to study, discuss and become involved in the varied aspects of our Lord's ministry of healing.