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RESOLUTION: TEEN-AGE PREGNANCY, A GROWING PROBLEM

WHEREAS the Monroe Congregational Church in Connecticut has been shockingly awakened to the great social problem of teen-age pregnancy; and

WHEREAS the church and its Board of Christian Outreach has been inspired and stimulated by a member who, while a senior in a nursing school, did something practical and beneficial in a sex education program for ghetto children age 10-15, an age group in which many pregnancies are occurring, and the church was able to give financial assistance to the program; and

WHEREAS the church's conversations with Connecticut Conference staff people reveal extensive knowledge of the problem on their part and a real desire to assist the churches to develop effective sex education programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Christian Education issue a general warning to the churches of the severity of the problem of teenage pregnancies in all elements of the society of our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Christian Education be empowered to intensify its work in sex education, reaching out in every possible way to all churches in the Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member churches be challenged to create or support, in any way possible, effective sex education programs designed to meet the needs of youth in our communities.