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RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES ACADEMY FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the revival of the cold war has initiated a new period of international tension and the cessation of arms control negotiations leaves the world with no constructive path to diminish tension or avoid international war; and

WHEREAS wars result in economic and social dislocation, disability and destruction; and

WHEREAS a recent international scientific conference in Virginia heard Soviet and American scientists declare that it is imperative to avoid nuclear war in order to avoid world destruction; and

WHEREAS it is important to initiate practical steps to resolve international crises as they appear, to cool grievances and to create communication; and

WHEREAS it is vital to support a major, practical proposal to train personnel to function between opponents with the goal of resolving conflicts, and to carry on research on conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS such a proposal was made to the United States Congress, and the Congress established a Commission for the study of a proposal for the creation of a United States Academy for Peace and Conflict Resolution, and the report was made to Congress on this proposal by July, 1981;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ endorse the United States Academy for Peace and Conflict Resolution, educate and inform its member churches and seek ways to assist and encourage its development.