

RESOLUTION: DISAPPROVAL OF KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS the Ku Klux Klan is an anti-Catholic, anti-semitic, white supremacist organization; and

WHEREAS the Ku Klux Klan recently conducted a highly publicized cross burning in Scotland and Windham, Connecticut, and a march in Meriden, Connecticut, and appears to be desirous of increasing its membership within the State; and

WHEREAS fundamental Christian principles and teachings reflect the dignity and worth of each and every human being; and

WHEREAS Archbishop John J. Whealon of the Archdiocese of Hartford of the Roman Catholic Church has issued a statement expressing concern over these activities of the Ku Klux Klan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ Joins with the Archbishop of Hartford and other religious leaders in expressing its deep concern and disapproval over the prospect of an increased presence of the Ku Klux Klan in Connecticut; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Minister and the Department of Church and Society of said Conference are instructed to take appropriate steps to further evidence this concern by providing educational materials and workshops throughout Connecticut to make it possible for people to learn of the very damaging effects of the KKK, to learn peaceful approaches for combating this organization and the attitudes contributing to the growth of this organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to call upon official representatives of the Connecticut Conference to attend nonviolent vigils and prayer meetings convened by religious leaders of communities in which there is Klan activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference and the Department of Church and Society actively seek, in Christian love, ways to minister to people who are attracted to or participate in the KKK and its activities.