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RESOLUTION: ON HUMAN RIGHTS

WHEREAS, Ancient thinking culminated in the biblical concept that "God created humankind in God's own image and

WHEREAS This concept implies divinely conferred, basic, and innate human rights which can only be guaranteed by general acceptance of principles embodying them; and

WHEREAS, The general acceptance of these basic principles has normally led to their incorporation in constitutions, laws, and other legal instruments controlling the attitudes and actions of individuals, groups, and nations; and

WHEREAS Since these basic human rights know no regional or national boundaries, and are equally applicable to all nations and peoples regardless of race, creed, gender, ethnic, or other differentiating characteristics of humankind' and

WHEREAS, Violation of these human rights is an affront to humanity and poses a threat to the normal and essential interactions of all peoples and governments,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 118th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ proclaims its abhorrence of human rights abuse wherever it may occur, and that the Department of Church and Society disseminate information and guidelines for the congregations to do likewise' and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Society request the General Synod to continue to study the widespread evidence of human rights abuse and adopt positions of condemnation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Society petition the United Church of Christ to continue to urge the national government to be aware of the abuse of human rights, whether this abuse be in the form of torture, genocide, mass starvation suppression of individual liberties, brutality, or other manifestations of defiling of the dignity of humankind wherever this may be found, and that statements of disapproval be made wherever appropriate; and that this attitude be reflected in our domestic policy and international relations.