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RESOLUTION: ON EVANGELISM AND JUSTICE AND PEACE

WHEREAS, Scripture calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior, and to witness to that News in word and deed; and

WHEREAS, To witness in deed without sharing the word is to risk hoarding the faith we are given; and

WHEREAS, To witness in word without visible consequence in deed is to risk affirming a faith which is superficial; and

WHEREAS, We as Christians are called to be actively involved in sharing the Gospel and inviting persons into the company of Christ's people; and

WHEREAS, We as Christians are called to be active in the pursuit of justice and peace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 119th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ affirm and-pronounce the conviction that issues of church growth and evangelism and issues of peace and justice are not separate from each other, but in fact stand together at the center of what our God calls us to be; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our Conferences, national boards, and instrumentalities to reflect this unity through our programs, preaching, and parish life; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Connecticut Conference Board of Directors to be developed into the appropriate form for submission as a pronouncement to the 16th General Synod of the United Church of Christ.