

PRONOUNCEMENT: AGAINST FEDERAL UNDERCUTTING OF CHARITY

WHEREAS, The present administration of the United States declared a new policy In a confidential emergency instruction dated October 1, 1987, whereby the welfare benefits for many elderly, blind, and disabled people would have been reduced by the value of the free food, shelter, clothing, and fuel received from charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, That emergency instruction meant that for every bag of groceries we gave to the poor, the federal government was to correspondingly reduce their benefit check;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 120th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ:

- 1) Express our outrage at this callous and immoral treatment of the least among us;
- 2) Express our approval of the rescinding of that instruction;
- 3) Affirm the ongoing efforts of the Department of Church and Society to bring about systemic change for a more just economic order; and
- 4) Pledge our support to all those individuals and churches who seek the reversal of injustices through such means as educating, organizing, letter-writing, and lobbying.