RESOLUTION: SUPPORT OF DEBORAH HOME, INC, AN ORPHANAGE IN PUERTO RICO

WHEREAS, The teachings of Jesus Christ call upon all Christians to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give drink to the thirsty (Matthew 25: 31-46); and

WHEREAS, The ministry of Jesus Christ is to preach good news to the poor ( Luke 4:18); and

WHEREAS, Deborah Home, Inc. is a fully licensed orphanage for destitute and homeless children in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Home, Inc. has hosted groups of high school youth from the Connecticut churches for an annual winter conference for more than twenty years, and in so doing has provided an invaluable opportunity for education and mission; and

WHEREAS, Many churches in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ have recognized Deborah Home, Inc. as an agency deserving of their continued support and prayers; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Home, Inc. receives only nominal assistance from the United Fund and from government sources, and is primarily dependent upon voluntary contributions and volunteer services for the care of its forty-five children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 120th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ affirm the continuing relationship between the churches of the Connecticut Conference and Deborah Home, Inc., and endorse their ongoing voluntary support of Deborah Home, Inc. ; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Christian Education and Youth send this resolution to the United Evangelical Church of Puerto Rico, and to Deborah Home, Inc. in order to express our profound gratitude and to offer our continued prayers for its ministry.