

1989 RESOLUTION: A CALL FOR SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

WHEREAS, Scripture condemns the inequity of habitation whereby some people live in comfortable homes on good and plentiful land, and other people live under crowded conditions on barren and small plots, and other people have nowhere at all to call home (Isaiah 5:8, Jeremiah 22:13-17, Micah 2:2) ; and

WHEREAS, Paul wrote to the congregation in Corinth, "Every Sunday each of you is to put aside and keep a sum in proportion to your gains; and when I arrive, I will send those whom you authorize by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem" (1 Corinthians 16:2,3); and

WHEREAS, General Synod XVII of The United Church of Christ has called for "the creation of an investment policy to reflect our national commitment to our stated priority of the Homeless Poor and our claimed identity as a just peace church";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 122nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, endorse the action of the General Synod, which encourages "national bodies, conferences, associations, and local churches to invest no less than one percent of their investment assets by 1990, with a goal of adding one percent per year until reaching no less than ten percent, with groups involved in homelessness and housing and other social and economic development projects"; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Board of Directors to appoint a committee, representative of the cultural and economic diversity of the state, to study and report back to the 123rd Annual Meeting on the feasibility of a statewide fund in which churches and the Missionary Society of Connecticut may invest to carry out this resolution.