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RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, Micah asks, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice?" (Micah 6:8a), and Jesus proclaims, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9), and the Psalmist proclaims, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewst the face of the earth" (Psalms 104:30); and

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ Priority adopted at General Synod XVII, "Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace," enlists all parts of the United Church of Christ in study and action; and

WHEREAS, A Resolution of General Synod XVI calls for renewed United States support of the United Nations as our best investment for a just peace; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations is the world's best existing vehicle for coordinating the efforts of all people to:

- (a) Work toward restoring the earth and the integrity of creation,
- (b) Provide justice to all people and creatures of God's creation, .
- (c) Make peace and keep peace among the nations and people of our civilization; and

WHEREAS, The planet Earth will not continue to support the human species at the present rate of population growth and depletion and desecration of the biosphere; and

WHEREAS, Many of the goals of the United Nations parallel on these issues the priorities and spirit of the United Church of Christ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 123rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, call upon the four program departments to devote additional resources to programs which will provide:

- (a) Awareness and education to people of all ages in the Connecticut Conference on how the United Nation's goals and programs parallel the United Church of Christ's priority of "Integrity of Creation, Justice, and Peace," and
- (b) Advocacy for the United Nations by encouraging the United States to become current in its financial support of the United Nations and to take the lead in using the United Nations as the forum for resolving world issues; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support ratification by the United States of the International Human Rights Conventions on:

(a) The Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women;

(b) The Convention on the Rights of the Child;

by calling upon the Connecticut Conference to work in partnership with the United Church of Christ instrumentalities and ecumenical organizations on ratification of these two items; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is our will that this Resolution be properly modified according to form and submitted to General Synod XVIII for consideration by the whole United Church of Christ.