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RESOLUTION: IN OPPOSITION TO CASINO GAMBLING

WHEREAS, Scripture asks us to examine the quality, quantity and justice of financial gain: "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice" (Proverbs 16:8); and

WHEREAS, Christians are thus called to address the impact of casino gambling as it relates to social and economic loss or gain in light of harm or justice; and

WHEREAS, God admonishes us to pursue and create real value rather than indulge in frivolous activities: "He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits has no sense" (Proverbs 12:11); and

WHEREAS, We are cautioned to examine, on both personal and social levels, the real, long-term benefits of what superficially appears as gain: "An inheritance gotten hastily in the beginning will in the end not be blessed" (Proverbs 20:21);

THEREFORE BE IT-RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 127th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, encourage our churches and members to oppose casino gambling in the State of Connecticut, by calling and writing their legislators and the Governor's office to express opposition to any proposed, or future, bills which might enable casino gambling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Department of Church in Society, in conjunction with its Public Policy Advocacy Ministry, their members and agents, to provide resources, information and support so that members of our congregations may be fully informed and empowered to effectively oppose casino gambling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge local congregations to marshal all other relevant resources to express opposition to and influence legislation against casino gambling.