

1998

RESOLUTION: 1999 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS

WHEREAS, God calls persons of all ages to be in mission, ministry, and service to others;
and

WHEREAS, Older adults, like persons of all ages, are called by God to be faithful
Christian disciples; and

WHEREAS, Older adults are called to share their faith, wisdom, and knowledge with
persons of every age and stage of life, as it is written, "wisdom is with the aged" (Job
12:12 RSV); and

WHEREAS, Older adults have much to teach and much to learn and are interdependent
upon persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Aging is a natural procession in life and is part of God's good gift to life; and

WHEREAS, There are more older adults now than at any other time in the history of the
world and in the membership of the United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations has called upon religious and other organizations to
observe 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates to the 131st Annual Meeting of the
Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, adopt 1999 as the
International Year of Older Persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the Connecticut Conference of the
United Church of Christ, local congregations and regional ministry teams to lift up
the needs, concerns, and gifts of older adults in 1999, and develop on-going,
intentional ministries by, with, and for older adults.