No. 9329

(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)

CONCERNING A PROACTIVE ROLE FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN URBAN MINISTRY
ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, recent events in Los Angeles only underscore the rising tide of urban violence; and
WHEREAS, urban violence and racial prejudice have witnessed an alarming increase in the United States (and Canada) in recent years; and
WHEREAS, the church historically has been a vehicle for social change; and
WHEREAS, the church has access to the lives of people in ways that no other institution has, and is uniquely positioned to influence the lives of persons across a wide spectrum of society;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) enter into a season of prayer, seeking to receive divine guidance on how to heal the wounds resulting from urban violence and racial prejudice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, July 15-20, 1993, request that the Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) encourage the regions in the United States and Canada to enter into dialogue to identify opportunities for improving race relations in their processes of deliberation, within the structures, organizations, and programs of the regions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 1993 General Assembly request that the Council of Regional Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (the Conference of Regional Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)) bring this statement before the various conferences for consideration at an appropriate time, and encourage the various conferences to bring this statement before their respective councils of ministers for consideration at an appropriate time.