RESOLUTION CONCERNING A NEW WORLD ORDER

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the current world order is characterized by the nation-state as the ultimate repository of sovereignty and allegiance for the individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, disputes between nation-states have historically resulted in warfare between peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has historically supported positions favoring unity and peace, while affirming their allegiance to and support of the particular nation-states in which they found themselves;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in General Assembly, Aug. 2-7, 1985, in Des Moines, Iowa respectfully suggests that the time has come to begin examination of a possible new world order, this order being designed to promote peace and unity among all peoples; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as a part of this review, the varying roles and functions of the nation-state be analyzed, particularly in the twentieth and twenty-first century, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one role-model to be considered thoughtfully, would be a federation of nation-states, wherein the establishment of this federation called upon individual states to cede some sovereignty and power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be instructed to convey this resolution to the World Council of Churches with the request that a commission be assigned to study the development of a new world order, and that a report be given by this commission to the World Council and its member churches at the earliest possible date.