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This resolution expressing willingness to enter union negotiations with the United Church of Christ was REFERRED to the Ecumenical Partnership Committee.

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WHEREAS, Jesus Christ prayed that the church might be one so that the world might believe; and
WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) began as a unity movement in obedience to that prayer; and
WHEREAS, we have been engaged in a relationship with the United Church of Christ for some years, but that relationship seems in some places to be moving quite slowly toward any visible expression of union; and
WHEREAS, in the Northeast Region we have experienced positive benefits by moving more and more into union; and
WHEREAS, we need to encourage our members who are eager to express Christian unity and to challenge those who may be lagging behind;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 2-7, 1985, reaffirm our commitment that Christian unity is our polar star; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with that affirmation, that we now inform the United Church of Christ that we are ready and willing and look forward to entering into formal union negotiations.

Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Northeastern Region