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RESOLUTION CONCERNING PORNOGRAPHY

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, pornographic materials are degrading to women, men, and children, and exploit all involved in their production and consumption; and

WHEREAS, pornography is often linked to the incidence of rape, incest, and the sexual abuse of children; and

WHEREAS, materials judged to be obscene are not protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution, and their transport, distribution, and sale are prohibited by Federal Law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, August 2-7, 1985, that

1) the Division of Homeland Ministries be requested to make available information on the effects of pornography on society in general and specifically the effect of the pornographic exploitation of children; and

2) members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be encouraged to express their concern over pornography and to take appropriate action in their communities to curtail the distribution of such materials; and

3) the General Minister and President be asked to write a letter to the President of the United States encouraging him to enforce existing laws concerning the transport, distribution, and sale of obscene materials.