RESOLUTION OF CONCERN FOR PERSONS WITH CONDITIONS OF IMPAIRMENT

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the gospel of Jesus Christ calls us to a ministry to the whole person; and
WHEREAS, Jesus emphasized, in his words and deeds, loving concern and healing for persons with conditions of impairment; and
WHEREAS, the contemporary church is called to a healing ministry in the name of Christ to all, including persons with conditions of impairment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, August 2-7, 1985, reaffirm the healing ministry of the Christian community to all people, including persons with conditions of impairment, and that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be in ministry with such persons in congregations, regions and general units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that specific measures be taken by congregations to insure that wheelchair accessibility in church buildings be considered in every construction project, both in new churches and remodeling; that large print Bibles and taped biblical and theological resources be made available for persons with visual impairment; and that congregations provide signing or other appropriate assistance in worship for persons with hearing impairment, when needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each congregation be encouraged to ascertain needs of persons with conditions of impairment in their own community and make appropriate response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that persons with conditions of impairment be encouraged to carry out the ministry of the church both as lay and professional church workers, and that congregations, regions and general units be encouraged to include such persons in their ministries.