EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the world has been sensitized to the threat of international terrorism because of the recent TWA hostage crisis and the resulting climate of retaliation; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that appropriate measures be taken to deal effectively with the problem of international terrorism and its meaning, especially in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, a constructive approach has been proposed by Paul Henshaw of Sun City, Arizona, a participant in the Manhattan Project, in the letter he addressed to President Ronald Reagan:

President Ronald Reagan
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

Emerging from the recent hostage crisis is an opportunity for you to bring statesmanlike leadership to the whole world.

The procedure would be to rise above reprisal and retribution, which have low merit at best, and bring Islamic, Israeli and American leaders together at a summit — time and place to be agreed upon.

The Moslems are crying to be heard, the Israelis have a case and the Americans are concerned about human rights everywhere.

Why not ask the leaders to lay aside religious differences long enough to sit together as people, to recognize the depth and meaning of the issues, and then seek resolution by the most reasonable means.

Mr. Sadat started in this direction and the world applauded. Now there is an opportunity to go much farther.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Henshaw
Sun City, Arizona

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, August 2-7, 1985, express its extreme concern over the problem of international terrorism and the resulting climate of reprisal and retaliation; affirm the principle for the peaceful resolutions of such problems; and encourage members of the General Assembly and the General Minister and President, on behalf of the General Assembly, to communicate their concern to President Ronald Reagan.