No. 8932

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RECYCLING

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has identified the deliberate decision to recycle those goods which are no longer personally usable as a mark of an ecologically responsible Christian lifestyle (Resolution No. 8315), and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have signed the Alverna Covenant committing themselves to support recycling efforts. and

WHEREAS, in a January 1989 communication to the church, the Task Force on Christian Life Style and Ecology stated, “An ecologically responsible lifestyle requires us to recycle both renewable and non-renewable resources. Recycling can make nonrenewable material resources to some extent renewable by conserving metals and minerals whose sources are rapidly being depleted. Recycling also conserves energy used in mining and the reduction of ores and other materials, and reduces the volume of solid waste,” and

WHEREAS, disposal of solid wastes is an increasingly difficult problem for cities and communities of Canada and the United States:;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28-August 2, 1989, affirm its support of recycling efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call on each congregation, region, general unit and institution of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to:

1. study its own lifestyle to determine
2. assess the extent to which it is able to
3. determine the six goals of recycling
4. adopt a recycling plan
5. implement a recycling plan
6. evaluate its plan