No. 9144

(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE "CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - CHRISTIAN"

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the United States currently is witnessing an alarming increase in incidents of anti-Semitism and racism; and

WHEREAS, one of the sources of anti-Semitic and racist teaching in our nation is the so-called Identity Churches, prominent among which is the "Church of Jesus Christ - Christian"; also known as the Aryan Nation; and

WHEREAS, anti-Semitism and racism in any form are a blasphemy and an offense to the Gospel of our Lord; and

WHEREAS, we are admonished in the Scriptures to "test the spirits" and to be aware of "false prophets" (I John 4:1; II Peter 2:1);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, declare the anti-Semitic and racist teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ - Christian to be diametrically opposed to the teachings of Jesus Christ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly pledges its continuing support and encouragement to those efforts which seek to combat the evils of anti-Semitism and racism in our world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly particularly commends to our congregations the observance of the annual Days of Remembrance (Yom HaShoah) as opportunities to hold the tragic destruction of European Jewry before the Christian conscience, so that never again might the Church be a bystander to the fruits of human hatred.