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RESOLUTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF ANGOLA AND ZAIRE

WHEREAS, Africans all over the continent are struggling for economic and political justice; and

WHEREAS, the peoples of Angola and Zaire are involved in their own important struggles in spite of resistance to change on the part of some in these nations. This resistance has led to conflict and manifested itself in the form of war, famine, corruption, and fratricide; and

WHEREAS, these problems have led to a terrible second civil war in Angola where more than 40,000 people have died in six months of fighting; and

WHEREAS, the fighting has intensified in Angola these past two months and all United Nations mediation since May 1993 peace talks has failed; and

WHEREAS, since April 1993 ethnic cleansing in Zaire against specific groups has led to a complete breakdown of civil order; and

WHEREAS, we are concerned as fellow human beings and churchfolk for the well being of people in Angola and Zaire. We are also called to care because we have worked for many years in these nations and developed partnerships and friendships with distant brothers and sisters; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) prays for the peoples and churches of Angola and Zaire; will work for peace and reconciliation in these two impoverished countries; will stand in solidarity, both financial and material, as best it can with our partner churches and the peoples of these nations; and will advocate for all possible assistance on the part of the United States and Canadian governments to bring about peace and justice in Angola and Zaire.

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The Committee on Reference and Counsel recommends that the General Assembly ADOPT Business Item No. 9342. (Debate time 12 minutes)