

**No. 9536**

**(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNJUST RESULTS  
OF GOVERNMENT CUTS IN PROGRAMS  
FOR THE LEAST ADVANTAGED, AND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, we, as members of the Judeo-Christian faith, are called "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God," (Micah 6:8-NRSV); and

WHEREAS, Jesus Christ, the Lord of the church, has called us not to neglect "the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith," (Matthew 23:23-NRSV); and

WHEREAS, we believe that the United States government and the religious institutions of the land share a common responsibility for:

- the elimination of violence and crime caused by substance abuse;
- the empowerment of Native Americans, legal immigrants and ethnic and racial minorities;
- the care of the elderly, the fragile and the disabled;
- the nutritional needs of infants and children, the homeless and the elderly;
- the preservation and restoration of our environment and natural resources, and the education of people regarding these gifts of God; and

WHEREAS, recent and proposed actions by the Congress of the United States may seriously cripple vital programs by cutting funding without providing for concrete alternatives, thereby contributing to a less just and more violent society;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 20-24, 1995, calls on general units, regions and congregations to renew our commitment to realize justice, to engage in education and action, and to address these issues in cooperation with our public officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every expression of our church life be encouraged to communicate this commitment and concern to our public officials, particularly the Congress and the President of the United States, urging them to adequately fund the programs most directly affecting victims of violence, the sick, the fragile, the elderly, children, families, the environment and natural resources, and that we view with alarm the potential violence and injustice that may result from the elimination or reduction of current programs without concrete alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted by the General Minister and President to the members of Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States.