

No. 9332

(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)

**RESOLUTION TO END ETHNIC CLEANSING IN BOSNIA/HERCEGOVINA
ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, according to the United Nation's report in the *New York Times* on April 18, 1993, "The Serbian Nationalist drive is estimated to have caused the deaths or disappearance of at least 150,000 Muslims." This is in addition to the thousands in prison camps and the thousands who have been forced to flee their homes.

WHEREAS, according to Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, as many as 20,000 women—mostly Muslim—have been raped.

WHEREAS, the Serbs have declared their purpose: "ethnic cleansing" and their intent "to unite all lands where Serbs live."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, meeting at St. Louis, Missouri, July 15-20, 1993, declares that it will no longer be silent about this matter. We will remember the lessons of history. We condemn all violence. We denounce the doctrine of ethnic cleansing, its use of systematic killing, use of rape and forced pregnancy. We ask that the General Minister and President correspond with the United Nations, asking it to continue to negotiate for peace and to stop the genocide in Bosnia/Hercegovina. We will be committed to educating our churches and resolve to pray for justice, peace, and healing.