

**No. 9154**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR ZAIRIAN CHRISTIANS**

**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, the Republic of Zaire has been in a situation of political and military turmoil for the past several weeks; and

WHEREAS, this situation has resulted in serious crises such as food shortages, lack of medical care, disruption of transportation and danger to the personal safety of Zairians as well as expatriates; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada and the Eglise du Christ au Zaire (ECZ) and the Disciples of Christ Community of the ECZ have deep ties going back over 90 years; and

WHEREAS, the unrest has resulted in the evacuations of many persons who have been in danger including all staff persons (and families) of the Division of Overseas Ministries who were working with our partners in Zaire; and

WHEREAS, the safety and lives of millions of persons in that land, including over 10,000,000 members of the ECZ and over 600,000 in the Disciples Community are in jeopardy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991: 1) be in prayer, here and hereafter, for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Zaire; 2) commend the Division of Overseas Ministries' staff, both executives and those working in partnership with the Zairian church for their courage and wisdom; 3) urge the governments of the United States and Canada to lend assistance towards helping the Zairian people achieve peaceful resolution of the crisis; 4) affirm our heart-felt support for the Disciples of Christ Community in Zaire and the whole Eglise du Christ au Zaire; and 5) encourage individuals, ecumenical bodies, churches, and governments to offer whatever resources possible to alleviate hunger and shortages of medical supplies; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the General Minister and President be asked to communicate this resolution to all appropriate named parties as soon as that can be done.