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**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING ONE-ISSUE VOTERS
AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, paragraph 10 of *The Design* expressly places the duties of the General Assembly within the context of all its worship, deliberation and work; and

WHEREAS, paragraph 12 of *The Design* also expresses the long-term responsibilities of representatives by charging them to serve until the beginning of the next biennial General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of October 28, 1991, the election of the General Minister and President attracted a large number of voters. Within an hour after the announcement of the results of this election, nearly forty percent of the voting representatives were no longer present in the hall; and

WHEREAS, this attitude works against the unity of Christ's body by allowing the ear to say to the eye, the hand to the foot, "I have no need of thee";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the remaining representatives of the 1991 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) express their deepest disappointment with those representatives who attended this Assembly only long enough to vote in the election of the General Minister and President;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each manifestation of the church responsible for sending representatives to the General Assembly hereafter take steps to insure that its representatives keep faith both with the General Assembly and with the body which sends them, by attendance at the majority of business sessions and worship services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the substance of this resolution be communicated to all manifestations of the church.