

No. 9147

(Sense-of-the-Assembly Resolution)

RESOLUTION CONCERNING INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has always affirmed the value of a diversity of beliefs in the church; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been an increasing pressure to use only so-called "inclusive language" in reference to God and Christ in the music, liturgy, preaching and other public expressions of the faith at General Assemblies and other gatherings; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of Disciples affirm the value of traditional Biblical God-language and wish, as a matter of sincerely held conviction, to continue to use it in both public and private;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, affirms the right of leaders in the public work of the church to use the forms of God-language that they find appropriate without pressure or harassment for their sincerely held convictions.