

No. 9119

(Operational Business Item)

**"EMBRACE THE FUTURE"
A CHURCHWIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Disciples have consistently responded to the challenges and opportunities of new mission that surfaced in times of urgent need; and

WHEREAS, EMBRACE THE FUTURE is to answer our call as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to carry and live the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, funding for new church capital needs in the 1990's has been an expressed concern since 1982; and

WHEREAS, additional capital needs were identified in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #8736 was passed at the Louisville General Assembly in 1987 calling for a funding strategy for new churches in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1988, the Administrative Committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) authorized the conducting of a feasibility study for a church wide capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, an extensive feasibility study was conducted in 1989, involving interviews and responses from approximately 1400 different persons, testing a campaign proposal; and

WHEREAS, the results of the feasibility study indicated strong support and readiness for a campaign; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study report with recommendations for conducting a campaign was received and approved by the Administrative Committee in January, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received and approved the feasibility study report with recommendations in May, 1990; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study report with recommendations for conducting a campaign was received and approved by the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in July 1990; and

WHEREAS, The approved capital campaign is as follows:

1. Three year goal - \$30,000,000,

2. Ministries supported

New Congregation Establishment 50%

Overseas Capital 25%

Vitalization of Congregations 10%

Clergy Care 10%

Disciples Center International 5%

3. Organization, education phase and major gifts phase be completed in 1990-1991 prior to the General Assembly.

4. The congregation phase of the campaign be approved and launched at the 1991 General Assembly;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting of the General Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, affirms the action of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approving a church wide capital campaign now called EMBRACE THE FUTURE; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the progress to date of EMBRACE THE FUTURE be reported and celebrated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the congregational fund raising phase for EMBRACE THE FUTURE be approved and implemented.