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NOT ADOPTED

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(Operational Business Item)

### SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, General Board and Administrative Committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have deemed it appropriate from time to time to take a stand on particular issues consistent with the mission of the church; and

WHEREAS, under the present language of paragraph 3 of the Introduction to the Special Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly there could be a question of ambiguity as to whether a particular resolution may or may not be deemed to be out of order, particularly under the prohibitive provisions of Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, which states under Chapter V, Paragraph 10, Section titled, "Main Motions That Are Not in Order," that "no main motion is in order which conflicts with national, state or local law....," and states under Chapter X, Paragraph 38, Section titled, "Improper Motions," that, "motions in conflict with...national, state or local law, are out of order;" and

WHEREAS, it is a legitimate concern, therefore, that this ambiguity or uncertainty be eliminated as a procedural matter, so that the emphasis at all times be on the substantive issues of any particular resolution;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, express its concern regarding the Special Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the third paragraph of the Introduction to the "Special Rules of Procedure for the General Assembly" be amended by adding a second sentence, so as to read:

**Amendments** "As provided in Paragraph 38 of The Design, Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the General Assembly in all other cases to which it is not inconsistent with the mission of the church."