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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE POSITION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN RELATIONS**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the God we worship is the God of all creation, and Jesus, himself a Jew, commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27); and

WHEREAS, we recognize the common heritage and commitment to justice we share with the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, animosity and distrust between Christians and Jews still exists and often leads to discrimination and violence against Jews; and

WHEREAS, God's covenant with the Jewish people has not been broken, and God has not rejected God's people (Romans 9-11); and

WHEREAS, Judaism is a living witness to God's continuing dealings with humanity:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 2, 1989 encourages all manifestations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to engage in an ongoing interfaith dialogue between Christians and Jews by:

- 1) participating in and promoting interfaith gatherings;
- 2) identifying and clarifying how much Christianity and Judaism have in common (such as one God, the value of family, scripture, spiritual seeking, and prayer);
- 3) affirming our Jewish heritage by examining Hebrew scripture, history, and ritual;
- 4) inspecting curriculum and church library resources so that anti-Semitic inferences are avoided and accurate information about Judaism is available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on Theology be requested to prepare a report for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Jewish-Christian relations to be brought to the 1991 General Assembly.