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RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHURCH NURSERIES

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, many couples and single parents are realizing the importance of the spiritual growth of their infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS, the evangelistic value of accommodating those couples and single parents with very young children so they can attend worship services, fellowship gatherings and educational activities can benefit both the church and families; and

WHEREAS, a safe and nurturing environment is necessary to the development of an infant or toddler;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 2, 1989 requests the Division of Homeland Ministries to:

- Update any existing materials or create new materials on the "how-to's" of running a safe and caring church nursery for infants and toddlers.
- Encourage the use of existing Christian educational materials in the church nursery to begin early Christian development of toddlers.
- Stress the importance to pastors and congregations of the evangelistic value of having a well-run, up-to-date church nursery.
- Create a clearinghouse for churches and congregations to exchange ideas on running and/or developing a church nursery and the types of educational and fellowship activities that can result in having more couples and single parents involved in the life of the church.