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RESOLUTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, Christ's disciples are called to continue to preach good news to the poor; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville General Assembly adopted Resolution Number 8730 concerning the priority for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which lifts up the Biblical image of peacemaking congregations offering God's special concern for the poor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly meeting in San Antonio adopted Resolution Number 7526 urging "all members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to work for equality both in principle and practice..." and to "be vigilant in order to eliminate injustices, first in the Church structures and then in the community;" and

WHEREAS, currently women and children make up nearly three-fourths of those who are poor; and

WHEREAS, women in the United States on average earn .65 for every one dollar men earn; Black women earning .60, Hispanic women .57; and

WHEREAS, Church Women United is involved in a five year commitment to work to eliminate the root causes of the poverty of women and children; and

WHEREAS, one focus for the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women is a commitment to justice for those who are discriminated against and oppressed because they were born female:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 2, 1989, affirm its support of economic justice for women, including adequate wages and benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly affirm and urge full and adequate support and funding for the governmental agencies and programs engaged in advocacy and safeguarding economic justice for women, e.g., Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly support Church Women United's Five Year Imperative on the Poverty of Women and Children, and affirm its other ecumenical partners who work for economic justice for women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly urge regions and congregations to study economic justice using materials available from the Division of Homeland Ministries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly urge regions and congregations to act locally toward economic justice for women through programs such as Mother-to-Mother Ministry, through the establishment of quality day care for children, and through just economic policies for church employed women, particularly with equal pay and benefits for equal work.