

**No. 8928**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING A CALL TO CELEBRATE  
THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF BETHANY COLLEGE**

**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, Bethany College was founded in 1840 by Alexander Campbell and will be recognizing the Sesquicentennial Year of this historic event in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Bethany College is in covenantal relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

WHEREAS, The College has a unique place in the religious movement which embraces Churches of Christ, the Fellowship of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), numbering more than 5,000,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Bethany College, in addition to its academic purpose, maintains a Center for Campbell Studies and a Heritage Resource Center to serve all congregations related to the Campbell tradition, as well as the Church ecumenical;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the General Assembly meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 - August 2, 1989, recognize the Bethany Sesquicentennial Year by inviting congregations, regional bodies and general units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to join in this historic celebration of a mutual source of Heritage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these suggestions are offered for consideration:

**Congregations:** A special moment of observance on Sunday, March 4, 1990, the first Sunday of the Lenten season, and the weekend during which Bethany alumni gatherings will occur all across the continent to recognize the March 2, 1840 founding of the College.

**Regions:** A special observance at an appropriate moment during those Regional Assemblies scheduled in 1990.

**General Units:** A recognition of the Bethany Sesquicentennial year in a way thought appropriate by each individual unit.

(Sesquicentennial packets will be available through the College to assist in planning special observances.)