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RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CHURCH AND DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, there is increasing use of alcohol while driving a motor vehicle which calls for the serious attention and concern of church men and women, such use affecting all classes and ages of people; and

WHEREAS, the increase of driving while intoxicated is evidenced by the openness and the indiscriminate use with which all generations use alcohol and drive while intoxicated, with many of these people not being of legal drinking age, and also the increasing addiction to alcohol by people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the adverse affects of alcohol-related accidents have risen in recent years, which affects not only the person driving while intoxicated, but also the other victims which were involuntarily involved in an alcohol-related accident, which results in loss of property, personal injury, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, many local laws are not strict enough or existing laws are not enforced uniformly to deter first-offense drunk drivers, or repeat offenders of Operating While Intoxicated (O.W.I.); and

WHEREAS, if there is a death to an innocent victim of an alcohol-related accident, there is little help psychologically, physically, or financially to said victims' surviving family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the confusion in society has led more people to believe that it is acceptable to drive while intoxicated;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) commend the following guidelines to local, state and province, and national governments: