

Referred

**No. 8752**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING COCU**

**REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Council on Christian Unity for further study.**

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WHEREAS, members of congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have afforded an opportunity to study the documents provided by the Council on Christian Unity related to the COCU proposals; and

WHEREAS, deep convictions exist that some changes in approach to spell out and define the matter related to a "Council of Oversight" are needed; and

WHEREAS, we believe neither initially nor subsequently is there authority to question the validity of "the profession of their faith" by anyone; and

WHEREAS, the region of Louisiana at its Regional Assembly at the Central Christian Church of Shreveport, Louisiana, May 1, 2, and 3, 1987, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Council on Christian Unity in 1986 for congregational study of and response to the documents, *The COCU Consensus* and *Convenanting Toward Unity*; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Region generally accepts and approves the documents and plans, but (1) urges clarification of the title "Council of Oversight," in keeping with Disciples understanding, and (2) rejects completely the passage in *The COCU Consensus* which states, "Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, exploit, or patronize any of their sisters or brothers, however subtly, offend God, and place the profession of their faith in doubt," (p. 33, emphasis ours), since we reject any language or concept that proposes for anyone to sit in judgment of another's faith, for whatever reason;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Region affirm these documents to the Council on Christian Unity, with the exceptions noted above, as being acceptable statements of Christian faith.