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REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Task Force on Renewal and Structural Reform

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WHEREAS, members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are committed to sharing the gospel throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Church Finance Council is designed to facilitate the support of the ministry of congregations, regions and general units; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of accounting may cause confusion among individuals and committees charged with management of church funds; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Finance, the Office of Research and the Church Finance Council are desirous of efficiency and effectiveness in accounting, negotiating and generating financial support:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all funds received from individuals, congregations, districts and regions that apply to units or programs funded through CFC be credited to the total support reported from the respective regions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Capital Funds and Designated Funds be included in the totals as reported to the regions and administrative units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on Finance give serious consideration to the definition of BMF (undesignated), designated and directed operational funds, so that all operational funds would be credited to the BMF potentials for goaling and distribution; as well as serious consideration be given to the definition of capital funds (undesignated, specified and directed) so that all three categories of capital funds would be credited to the capital potential for goaling and distribution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that programs generated, directed and administered by regions, including district ministries, regional papers, regional assemblies and camps and conferences, be included in the comprehensive, unified fund accounting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Board of the Christian Church in Virginia requests that the Commission on Finance, the Committee on Structure and the Conference of Regional Ministers and Moderators be directed to coordinate the process necessary to accomplish this consolidation and simplification of our accountability to the constituencies we serve in the name of Christ.

Regional Board
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly REFER Resolution No. 8746 to the Task Force on Renewal and Structural Reform.

Reasons given for this recommendation were:

The Administrative Committee has already established a panel to evaluate the Financial Procedures of the church. This panel is to do its work within the framework of the Task Force on Renewal and Structural Reform. This action to refer would add the concerns expressed in Resolution No. 8746 to this comprehensive evaluation process.
(Debate time 12 minutes)

(Comment by the Commission on Finance)

The Commission on Finance cannot determine the financial impact of establishing and implementing the extensive changes proposed.

Please refer to the general statement of the Commission on Finance.