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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PROCESS BY WHICH
THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
COULD AFFIRM ITSELF TO BE A JUST PEACE CHURCH**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the General Synod 15 of the United Church of Christ (UCC) issued a Pronouncement entitled "Affirming The United Church of Christ as a Just Peace Church." This action was taken out of an imperative to move beyond the criteria of Just War to the theology of Just Peace, and,

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ affirmed a Just Peace Church to be grounded:

- in God's activity in creation to sustain and not destroy the world;
- in God's calling us into covenant, a gift of friendship. When God's presence is embraced, human well-being (or shalom) results;
- in the reconciling activity of Jesus Christ. God's suffering love on the cross breaks the power of the structures of evil and restores the possibility of relationship
- in the presence of the Holy Spirit to help overcome the powers set against human bonding;
- in the community of reconciliation, the Just Peace Church is a countervailing power to those forces that divide, perpetuate injustice, and destroy;
- In hope. Shalom moves toward a time when weapons are swept off the earth, all creatures may live without fear and may dwell secure from want.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in resolutions 8148 and 8546 declared "The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will strive in special ways...to Pursue Peace with Justice" for the period of 1981-1985 and 1985-1987; and

WHEREAS, the Panel on Christian Ethics in a Nuclear Age, appointed by the General Minister and President to reflect upon issues raised by the nuclear age, issued a report entitled, "Seeking God's Peace In A Nuclear Age - A Call to Disciples of Christ"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has approved numerous resolutions on issues of peace and justice,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 16 - 21, 1987, request the General Board to set forth a process by which the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will study the United Church of Christ Pronouncement on a Just Peace Church and arrive at a decision as to whether a comparable statement should be presented for action to the 1989 General Assembly.