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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING "STAR WARS"  
THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI)**

**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, we recognize that it is a duty of all civil governments, as part of the created order, to preserve and maintain order and peace among all people, and

WHEREAS, The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) popularly known as "Star Wars", now being researched by the United States, is believed by many to be a threat to order and peace among all people in the following ways;

- 1) By violating the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, an arms control agreement which we consider to be an important step toward order and peace between the people of the United States and the people of the Soviet Union; and
- 2) By increasing the danger of nuclear war between the United States and the Soviet Union should SDI be implemented; and
- 3) By accelerating an already expensive arms race between the world's two leading military powers, and

WHEREAS, the financial and human resources represented by the two to three trillion dollars needed to implement this dubious weapon's system could, according to the opinion of many, be used for more prudent and beneficial purposes, and

WHEREAS, it is stated in our church's document, *Seeking Peace in a Nuclear Age*, that it is our right and duty as Christians in a democratic society to be involved in the formation of public policy:

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 Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to convey the General Assembly's opposition to the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, to the Secretary of State, and to leaders of Congress of both political parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be encouraged to express their opposition to the Strategic Defense Initiative to their elected representatives in the United States Congress and to the President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Church in Society, the Department of Christian Education, and the Disciples Peace Fellowship cooperate in producing and making available to congregations study materials on this issue.