

**No. 8725**

**RESOLUTION ON A HISTORICAL COMMISSION.**

**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and people of every age have recognized the great value of and necessity for continued careful recording, maintaining and preserving of credible historic data and sites, which would help the church recapture its heritage from earlier people, events, and places; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to properly identify, maintain, and preserve a number of historic sites of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), such as Old Bethany Church, Cane Ridge Meeting House, the Campbell Home, the Brush Run Church site, and other sites of value and significance; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing interest and concern for learning about our heritage as expressed in the 1986 research project undertaken by the Division of Homeland Ministries, and in the futuring concerns of the General Board, General Units and Regions of the church; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) acting at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1977 approved Resolution No. 7741 to establish a registry of historic sites in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and to effectively preserve these sites and relate them to the Christian Church, said resolution not having been implemented; and

WHEREAS, we are approaching the significant anniversaries of the 200th birthday of Alexander Campbell and the 200th year after the founding and building of the Cane Ridge Church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Historical Commission be appointed by the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which will include staff persons from the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, the Historic Campbell Sites at Bethany, Cane Ridge Preservation Project, and other key persons to identify and establish an official registry of historic sites for their recognition, preservation, and continued use by the church, said Commission to report to the 1989 General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission on Finance be encouraged to provide funds through its allocation process to the Disciples of Christ Historical Society to enable the Historical Commission to meet four (4) times during the next biennium and to produce a brochure lifting up the work of these three historical entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the three aforementioned entities, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Historic Campbell Sites, and Cane Ridge Preservation Project, shall jointly promote all historical sites and the history related thereto, encourage interest in discovering our roots, and assist people in the visitation and exploration of these sites.