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REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Task Force on Ministry for Study and Report back to the 1988 General Board Meeting.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon submit the following resolution to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 16 to 21, 1987, to wit:

WHEREAS, Clergy devote their lives to the ministry of Jesus Christ, and,

WHEREAS, Clergy are not covered by regular unemployment insurance, and

WHEREAS, Clergy are sometimes dismissed from congregations or units of the Church for taking a stand on unpopular issues or because of unforeseen, incompatible circumstances, and

WHEREAS, it is often difficult for clergy to move quickly under such circumstances, and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) does not end with such dismissals,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, endorse the principle of an emergency clergy unemployment compensation program for ordained ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be administered by a general unit (such as the Pension Fund) and regional Commissions on the Ministry; and call upon the Church Finance Council to propose a procedure for the funding of such a program.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon

The General Board recommends that the General Assembly REFER Resolution No. 8716 to the General Board Task Force on Ministry for study and report back to the 1988 General Board meeting.
(Debate time 12 minutes)

(Comment by the Commission on Finance)

The proposed unemployment compensation program could have significant financial impact due to the need for a feasibility study, an office to administer the program, and the funding of the insurance coverage.

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