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WHEREAS, a considerable number of people in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have no family members who would be appropriate to manage their affairs, in the event of incapacity; and

WHEREAS, the church has assisted people with stewardship opportunities by suggesting will provisions and the creation of charitable trust arrangements; and

WHEREAS, the church has a special responsibility to care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Louisville, October 16-21, 1987, call on the National Benevolent Association and the Christian Church Foundation to devise a method by which the church, in one or more of its manifestations, might provide, to those members who would need and desire it, management of a person's affairs in the event of incapacity; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the availability of this service be publicized along with communications about the opportunities for making donations to the church through gifts, bequests, and charitable trusts.

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The General Board recommends that the General Assembly REFER Resolution No. 8720 to The National Benevolent Association and The Christian Church Foundation, with a report to be brought to the 1988 General Board meeting. Reasons given for this recommendation were:

1. Significant fiduciary and legal considerations are involved that require careful and deliberate action by the church.
2. A study may reveal other related needs which could result in the development of a more comprehensive program.
3. Time would allow NBA and CCF to have direct consultation with the people of the submitting congregation.
4. The requirement of a report to the General Board in 1988 would keep the process moving forward.
(Debate time 12 minutes)