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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING AWARENESS
OF THE NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC ISSUE**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the Pacific Basin is the site of much of the world's past, present and future nuclear activities with nearly 200 nuclear devices having been exploded on Pacific islands and above and beneath Pacific waters; and

WHEREAS, such nuclear activities have affected the physical, social, economic and psychological environment of the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the region is a nuclear testing ground for the United States and France, and waste dump for Japan and the United States; and

WHEREAS, a number of newly independent nations of the region have taken governmental action forbidding nuclear materials on their land or in their waters; and

WHEREAS, a movement of Pacific peoples calling for a nuclear-free Pacific has been growing in response to these concerns, and the Pacific Conference of Churches has issued "A Call to a New Exodus: An Anti-Nuclear Primer for Pacific People," a resource for the growing awareness of this issue; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the American Asian Disciples in Berkeley, California, on August 1, 1982, has supported the pleas of Pacific islanders in attendance at the First Pacific and Asian American Ecumenical Convocation at the same time and place;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in San Antonio, Texas, September 23-28, 1983, express its solidarity with the Pacific peoples by recognizing the importance of nuclear impact on the residents of the Pacific islands; educate the congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) about the nuclear impact and presence in the region as well as sharing the perspectives of the Pacific islanders in this regard by requesting the appropriate unit of the church to provide information; and communicate this concern to the President of the United States, as well as the heads of state of the nations of France and Japan, and related offices of the United Nations.