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**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISASTER**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has declared as one of its priorities to "reach out globally to alleviate world hunger and extend human rights;" and

WHEREAS, the urgency and magnitude of the global food crisis impelled Church World Service on August 5, 1983, to issue a Special Appeal for \$6.5 million, in cash and commodities, of which an initial \$550,000 is urgently needed to carry on emergency appeal programs announced earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches urged member churches to take particular action in response to the "scandal of hunger," and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the appeal makes it impossible for the Week of Compassion Committee to respond adequately from the Compassion Interim Fund alone;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in San Antonio, Texas, September 23-28, 1983, in response to this Special Appeal, urge congregations to begin now with over and above offerings to Week of Compassion, continuing them at least throughout the next two years, to assist sister churches overseas in responding to the cry of starving and malnourished people.