

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) reaffirm the belief that quality Christian journalism remains vital to the life of the Brotherhood and society;

THAT the Assembly look with favor upon the effort to establish the new biweekly Brotherhood journal, *The Disciple*, to replace *The Christian* and *World Call* for the purpose of furthering the Christian life and increasing the sense of mission among members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and

THAT congregations, regions and all elements of the general manifestation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) cooperate with the editors and publishers to the end that this new communication instrument may be used throughout the Brotherhood to create a deepened sense of Christian mission and solidarity in the cause of Christ among members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

No. 26**CONCERNING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF STRIP-MINING****APPROVED by the General Assembly.**

WHEREAS we feel that Christians ought to be informed about the critical issues of our land in order to exert their Christian influence in society; and

WHEREAS we have become aware and seen the tremendous devastation to our land which has resulted from strip-mining in Appalachia and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS there has been much legislative concern at both the state and national levels of government; and

WHEREAS there has developed among many people and groups in recent years a greater concern over the ecology of our land; and

WHEREAS there has been much published material, pro and con, on coal strip-mining in recent years such as the dialogue-focuser available from C.O.R.A., 864 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS there are those who feel a moratorium of all coal strip-mining should be effected until better procedures for obtaining coal that does not destroy our land, people and culture; and

WHEREAS strip-mining is not limited to Appalachia, but affects many other geographic regions of the nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the Division of Homeland Ministries through its Department of Church in Society to initiate serious study programs on strip-mining to the end that members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are better able to express themselves to their state legislative representatives and congressional representatives on their concerns over the economic and ecological problems of strip-mining in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to formally express their concern and convictions on the ecological devastation wrought by strip-mining.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26-31, 1973, to request the Congress of the United States and state legislatures to determine the immediate and long-range effects of all forms of strip-mining on the economic, social, political and cultural life of the nation, to enact regulatory statutes controlling the negative impact of strip-mining, and to use selective moratoriums on strip-mining when necessary to achieve regulatory compliance.

No. 27**CONCERNING RECONCILING THE NATION THROUGH A GRANT OF AMNESTY****APPROVED by the General Assembly.**

INTRODUCTION. As the Indochina war, the longest in our history, appears to be drawing to a close, the people of the United States already are involved in healing acts of assistance. To those who fought for our country, pensions, medical care, employment and educational assistance have been made available. Presidents Johnson and Nixon have proposed multi-million dollar relief and rehabilitation programs for both friend and foe among the nations of Indochina.