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**CONCERNING INVESTMENT POLICIES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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WHEREAS there is an increasing concern which is being called "corporate social responsibility"; and

WHEREAS this concern is growing among individuals as well as in radical action groups, in the business community as also in government, in local congregations as in units and institutions of the church; and

WHEREAS corporate management is realizing more and more that good business and profits are related to the public interest and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS many people are aware of the issue of ecology with the strip-mining and denuding of forests, the dirty rivers, oil clogged beaches and polluted air, but as there are other social issues raised by business practices which have generally escaped public protest such as:

1. The injustice in employment practices regarding minority workers and women.
2. Companies which promote military contracts to the detriment of the public's welfare.
3. Corporations which are involved in business overseas that exploit rather than aid the economy of developing nations.
4. Businesses which violate safety standards, manufacture inferior products and use unfair advertising methods.

AND WHEREAS many of the church's institutions and organizations have separately adopted policies which attempt to relate Christian ethical principles to the management of investment portfolios,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 15-20, 1971, direct its Moderator, in consultation with the General Minister and President, to appoint a task force to develop guidelines for investment policies and the use of voting rights for all congregations and general, regional and institutional units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in order to enhance the effectiveness of their portfolio management to influence broad social concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report of the above mentioned task force be submitted to the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for appropriate action and referral to the general, regional and institutional units of the church for implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Committee of the General Board establish a reporting process which will reflect the experience of the general, regional and institutional units with the implementation of the guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly affirm the principle that Christian ethical considerations and social responsibility are indispensable elements in the development of a policy on investments by a Christian institution and therefore call upon all congregations and the general, regional and institutional units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to give their cooperation to the Administrative Committee and the special task force on guidelines for investment policies to the end that the making of investments and the exercise of voting rights by these units will make a positive contribution to the attainment of justice, freedom, peace and an ecologically sound environment.

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CONCERNING A THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES

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