

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this General Assembly record its conviction that women be encouraged, along with men, to commit themselves to the full-time vocation of ministry in word and sacrament; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this General Assembly call on our Educational Institutions, General Ministers, Regional Ministers, Pulpit Committees and members of local congregations to give equal consideration to women ministers as pastors in the "filling of pulpits," the staffing of general, education, and regional offices, and in making other ministerial appointments throughout the church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge that women ministers be afforded equal remuneration (including fringe benefits) for equal vocational tasks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly call upon all units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to practice equity in the appointment of women ministers to governing boards, committees, commissions, and to the offices of regional and General Assemblies of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

No. 38

CONCERNING ECOLOGY

REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Division of Homeland Ministries for in-depth study in order to prepare a resolution to be presented to the General Assembly in 1975 with a progress report to the General Board in 1974. The General Assembly expresses its belief that ecology is an important issue and favors ecological stewardship. It also calls attention to resolutions Nos. 22 and 34 of the 1971 General Assembly.

WHEREAS, God created the world and saw that it was good; and gave to humanity the responsibility to be stewards of the earth as tenants, not owners, and

WHEREAS, Humanity has desecrated the earth, exploited its finite resources, exploited each other, and demonstrates little evidence of changing that style of relationships, and

WHEREAS, We see evidence of that destruction of the environment in the periodic extinction of yet another and another species of animal, the continued pollution of air and water, the continued explosion of the population, and the projection by scientists of the consequences of the present trends of consumption (energy crisis)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Christian Church and its members renew their covenant of responsible stewardship of the earth, including, but not limited to, the following specific actions:

1. **STEWARDSHIP**—To include in our curriculum materials and other publications Biblical interpretations of stewardship of the earth and all that is within; the dangerous consequences of exploitation of people and resources; and wide-ranging studies of other cultures, e.g., the American Indian, in their insights about man's place in the harmony of nature; and a theology of ecology with bold Christian witness.
2. **PERSONAL ACTION**—To rededicate ourselves to a style of life based on reverence for all life, that shall do minimum harm to the ecosystems or persons, use the minimum of irreplaceable natural resources, recycle as many products as possible and reject non-recyclable items when practical, reorder our own ambitions and priorities, and in other ways begin responsible stewardship with ourselves.
3. **COMMUNITY ACTION**—To work for local and world-wide awareness, consumer action, and legislation concerning: conserving coastal and wilderness areas, protecting endangered species including human, long-range planning, setting and meeting courageous standards of air and water purity, replacing cars with rapid transit, considering a no-growth economy and zero population growth, creating and projecting a vision of the future, urging wider observance of Earth Day (Spring Equinox) and World Life Day (September), enlisting of masses to work for the "City of God" in human and contemporary dimensions, and in other ways halting environmental disaster.

4. STAFF—That the Division of Homeland Ministries assign a staff person concerned with ecology to give some time implementing some of the goals in this resolution, and as a part of his work to facilitate and support local, regional, and national activities consistent with this resolution.

No. 39

CONCERNING WOMEN CLERGY

APPROVED by the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 15-20, 1971, affirmed the importance of adequate representation of women in the life of the church but did not specifically address the issue of women clergy;

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has traditionally ordained women to the professional ministry but has seldom called women to serve as pastors of congregations and has not formulated a statement of policy affirming the appropriateness of women serving as pastors;

WHEREAS, there is little evidence to indicate that pulpit committees and their regional advisors have given high priorities to calling women or to aiding in the placement of women;

WHEREAS, general, regional, and congregational emphasis is placed upon encouraging men to enter the professional ministry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26-31, 1973, affirm the appropriateness of women serving as pastors of churches and in all other staff positions within the institutional church and call upon pulpit committees and their regional advisors to give equal consideration to placing women in such positions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds, grants and scholarships for prospective women ministers be made available by the general manifestation of the church and that regions and congregations be encouraged to make available such funds, grants and scholarships as means of encouraging women to become clergy.

No. 40

CONCERNING CONVERSATIONS TOWARD UNION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

APPROVED by the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the International Convention through Resolution No. 47, adopted at Kansas City, September 29–October 4, 1961, authorized “the Council on Christian Unity to appoint a Commission (the personnel and size of which to be decided by the Council on Christian Unity) for the purpose of entering into these conversations with the United Church of Christ regarding a plan of union,” and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the International Convention through Resolution No. 50, adopted at Los Angeles, September 30–October 4, 1962, urged the Council on Christian Unity to accept the invitation of the Consultation on Church Union for the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) to become a participating church in this attempt to form a church “truly catholic, truly evangelical, and truly reformed,” and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the International Convention through Resolution No. 46, adopted at Miami Beach, October 11-16, 1963, authorized our delegation to the Consultation on Church Union to “engage in the development of a plan of union when and if the Consultation decides it is appropriate to begin this work,” and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the International Convention through Resolution No. 45, adopted at Detroit, October 2-7, 1964, authorized our Unity Commission to prepare a plan of union with the United Church of Christ when this seems appropriate, and