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CONCERNING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF FOOD AND FARM LAND

APPROVED by the General Assembly

We believe that God is Creator of all the earth and its inhabitants. We seek to serve him as faithful stewards and desire to use the resources entrusted to us constructively. Therefore, we endeavor to be creative in the image of God who created us.

In these efforts we recognize that each of us is called to a unique Christian ministry. We believe that Christian farmers are called to care for the land and feed a just portion of the population of the world by careful management of the resources entrusted to them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly meeting in San Antonio, Texas, August 15-20, 1975:

- urge that farmers receive a just return for the goods and services they offer;
- encourage efforts among farmers to obtain a fair wage per hour equivalent to accepted just wages for other workers;
- encourage the means of meeting the cost/price stress with which farmers are confronted other than the destruction of animals and commodities that otherwise might produce food;
- defend the rights of the family farmer to choose freely his future on the land;
- encourage each Christian farmer to face the moral imperative to insure that land is used to produce the greatest good for the greatest number of people;
- encourage increased farm production within the bounds of sound conservation guidelines to the highest possible level in order that more of the world's population be fed; and
- request that our Christian brothers and sisters make these concerns known within the churches, within farm and other appropriate organizations, and within governmental structures.

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CONCERNING THE LIMITATION OF DEBATE AT THE SAN ANTONIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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WHEREAS, each item of business submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration is entitled to a fair and equitable presentation before the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the amount of time available for the consideration of Business Items in the General Assembly is limited; and

WHEREAS, in previous Assemblies much time has been used in the early part of the Assembly in debating some items on which only limited debate was actually needed with the result that insufficient time was left in the latter part of the Assembly for debating issues requiring extended debate:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Board having classified items of business to come before the General Assembly according to the anticipated amount of debate required, the total amount of debate time on items shall be designated in the Business Docket in the following way: items on which debate should be no more than 48 minutes would be designated "(48)"; items on which debate should be no more than 24 minutes would be designated "(24)"; and items on which debate should be no more than 12 minutes would be designated "(12)"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each person with floor privileges may speak to each debatable motion once for no more than three minutes, and may speak again only if all other representatives desiring to speak to the motion have had the opportunity within the time limits specified.