

No. 8743

RESOLUTION CONCERNING TV MINISTRIES

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS the electronic media offer unprecedented access into the homes of many people not yet reached by the traditional church; and

WHEREAS many people who hunger for spiritual nurture find it difficult to be participants in the gathered church, because of the conditions of age, health or work schedules; and

WHEREAS the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has not utilized the power and potential of the electronic media as instruments of mission and ministry; and

WHEREAS recent disclosures indicate that some "TV ministries" have failed to fulfill their stated purpose, and have failed to uphold the standards of Christian stewardship in their appeal for funds and their distribution and use of those funds:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, October 1987, go on record as affirming that while the electronic media cannot replace the gathered church, and should not be regarded as a rival for the church, the church, in all its manifestations, should be encouraged to utilize the media as instruments of ministry; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be urged to continue giving their financial support to their church, which provides for the whole mission of the church, rather than to those "television ministries" which have a poor record of fiscal integrity and the effective use of funds for Christian purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be urged to investigate the comprehensive ministry and financial expenditure of "TV ministers", and to write "TV ministries" and request a full written financial report each year.

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REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON CHRISTIAN LIFE STYLE AND ECOLOGY

RECEIVED by the General Assembly

The Task Force on Christian Life Style and Ecology was created by the Administrative Committee of the General Board, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in response to General Assembly Resolution 7754, "Resolution Concerning A Task Force on Ecology." It is related to the Division of Home and Ministries for administration. The Task Force was created to make recommendations on environmental stewardship and lifestyle matters to members, congregations, regions and general units of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Task Force creates, promotes and distributes program materials. The Alverna Covenant, signed by more than 1000 Disciples, reflects a conviction that the stewardship of the earth is an integral component of Christian commitment. The Caretaker Packet is an introductory resource and study packet. It includes a study guide, worship suggestions and study resources for groups beginning their investigation of the meaning of environmental stewardship.

The current issue of concern for the Task Force is the production, storage and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials. The Task Force works ecumenically as part of the Eco-Justice Working Group of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

The Task Force is interested in hearing the concerns of Disciples on ecological and lifestyle issues. The Task Force is also interested in hearing from or receiving information about persons who work

professionally or as volunteers in ecological/lifestyle issues. Communications may be addressed to: Task Force on Christian Life Style and Ecology, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.

Task Force members are appointed for six year terms and meet annually. Members of the Task Force and the year of completion of appointment are as follows:

(1987) Lynnette Biggers
A. Stephen Ginn
D. Gary Swanson
Mary Anne Williams

(1991) Phillip Abel
Joyce Lemke
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No. 8745

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

NOT ADOPTED by the General Assembly. This resolution would have limited General Board action on General Assembly resolutions to listing reasons for and against adoption.

No. 8746

RESOLUTION CONCERNING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Task Force on Renewal and Structural Reform

No. 8747

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF SMALLER CONGREGATIONS
WORKING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONS**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the Memorial Christian Church of Jacksboro, Texas, has been working with the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksboro in a "Parish Concept" ministry for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is committed to causes of Christian unity, whether they be at the grass root level or on denominational lines; and

WHEREAS, the Christian church came into being to unite the body of Christ, understanding that "the Church of Christ on earth is essentially, intentionally, and constitutionally one"; and

WHEREAS, we adhere to the principles of "The Last Will and Testament" which says that "this body (shall) die, be dissolved and sink into union with the body of Christ at large;" and;