

No. 9135

(Operational Business Item)

CONCERNING A PERIOD OF WORSHIP AND STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has passed resolutions affirming the church's commitment to responsible stewardship of creation; and

WHEREAS, there is increased interest among members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in issues concerning the environment as evidenced in increased numbers of signers of the Alverna Covenant and reported congregational interest in stewardship of creation; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Christian Life Style and Ecology has created materials for worship, study, and action; and

WHEREAS, worship lies at the heart of congregational life and energizes Christians to live faithfully in response to God's call;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 25-30, 1991, call upon congregations to set aside a minimum of one week per year for worship and study experiences which include:

- a. confession of our misuse of God's creation,
- b. prayer for God's guidance in making ecologically sound choices,
- c. celebration of the beauty of creation,
- d. exploration of local environmental issues,
- e. commitment to lifestyle change at home and in the congregation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call upon each member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to affirm his or her Christian commitment to an ecologically responsible lifestyle (by actions such as signing and fulfilling the Alverna Covenant).

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REPORT AND STATEMENT OF CONCERN AMERICAN ASIAN DISCIPLES

RECEIVED by the General Assembly

American Asian Disciples (AAD) is a membership constituency organization composed of members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) whose racial and national heritage is Asian. AAD is related to the church through the Division of Homeland Ministries. It is the intention of AAD to offer a supportive network to Disciples of Asian ancestry, monitor the progress of the church in including Asian Americans within its life and offer recommendations for that inclusion through the channels of the church.

AAD attempts to fulfil its purpose through a periodic newsletter, fellowship gatherings at sessions of the General Assembly, participation in the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Inclusiveness and Empowerment and communications from its Executive Council to the administrative and plenary bodies of the church.