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RESOLUTION: CARE OF CONNECTICUT FOSTER CHILDREN

WHEREAS desiring to call the attention of the United Church of Christ to the need for more and better foster homes for children, when deprived of the love and care of their natural parents, often grow up in institutions, detention centers, jails, or inadequate foster homes, where circumstances do not let them develop fully as individuals or members of a family,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Conference of the United Church of Christ recommend that our local churches seek the strengthening of those agencies serving these children, giving consideration to the following points of implementation:

- A. Initiating or supporting legislation on behalf of foster children and foster parents and encouraging the State Legislatures and the Governor to appropriate sufficient funds for the State Department of Welfare adequately to meet the needs of all Connecticut's children, who are dependent or in need of protection;
- B. Training of existing foster parents to deal better with problems concerning their emotionally, physically, and/or mentally disturbed foster children, and recruiting a more qualified foster family type, with the proper motivation and skills for dealing with emotionally disturbed children;
- C. Urging our U.C.C. families to open their homes to care for a foster child.