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RESOLUTION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS, The problems of Connecticut's criminal justice system have increased in scope and impact on all levels of society; and

WHEREAS, All people are affected by these problems, most especially the poor; and

WHEREAS, There is little hope of the federal and/or state governments providing significant resources to deal with the human needs created by these problems; and

WHEREAS, God calls us to care for and minister with all those in the criminal justice system - the victim, offender and enforcer; and

WHEREAS, Our religious community has made only limited ventures into criminal justice work; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of many churches working cooperatively can be more effective than isolated programs; and

WHEREAS, Citizens for Humanizing Criminal Justice, an independent citizens and church group, operative since 1971, is offering the religious groups in Connecticut an opportunity to become more involved in criminal justice issues by participating with an active voice in CHCJ's work:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a coalition between the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ and Citizens for Humanizing Criminal Justice be established through the cooperation of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Department of Church and Society.