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RESOLUTION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

WHEREAS, God calls us in Jesus Christ to care for and minister among all those in the criminal justice system: be they the victim, the accused, the offender, the ex-offender, those who comprise the courts, law enforcement agencies, correction agencies; and

WHEREAS, as Christians, we would reach out to heal persons, families and communities and to restore them from brokenness to wholeness, moving toward non-violence, conciliation, and peace; and

WHEREAS, the gravity of the problems in criminal justice calls for a response from the religious communities of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ need to reaffirm and live out our commitment to this healing ministry, both within the prison walls and within our own communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ instruct the Conference Board of Directors to designate an appropriate Sunday as Criminal Justice Sunday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Church and Society, in conjunction with its Criminal Justice Committee, provide resources to aid churches in their preparation for Criminal Justice Sunday.