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PRONOUNCEMENT: ON SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

WHEREAS, One of the distinguishing marks of God's people has always been a high standard of sexual behavior (Leviticus 18:26-28; Matthew 5); and

WHEREAS, Christians are called to be loving and faithful in their covenant relationships, even as God is faithful and loving in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, God never abandons us and "nothing can separate us from the love of God." (Romans 8:38-39); and

WHEREAS, Jesus, our Savior, Teacher, and Paradigm encourages monogamous relationships and considers promiscuity to be sinful, while continuing to love and to embrace those who violate the Law of God;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates to the 119th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ affirm covenant faithfulness in all sexual relationships and discourage sexual promiscuity; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every moral judgment be exercised with love and compassion and with an awareness of our universal need for God's forgiveness (Romans 3:23).