<u>Resolution: Seeking Support for Universal Health Care/Universal Health Care coverage in CT</u>
Submitted by First Church of Christ in Mansfield, Congregational
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Whereas Scripture says God looked upon all of creation and called it good (Genesis 1:31, NRSV); and

Whereas healing was an important facet of Jesus' ministry and every Gospel tells stories of how in compassion and love, Jesus healed people (MT. 8:14, Mk.3:1 ff, Lk 8:26 ff., Jn 9:1, NRSV); and

Whereas historically the church has practiced healing ministry through the establishment of hospitals and other health care institutions; and

Whereas in our time health care is all too frequently limited or denied on the basis of race, ethnicity, and/or the ability to pay; and

Whereas in our time rising health care costs have resulted in health care being denied to growing numbers of people; and

Whereas stewardship is a fundamental Christian principle, and good stewardship of health care resources – material, financial and human – is essential to a quality, effective and affordable health care system; and

Whereas we believe and declare that providing for quality, effective and affordable health care, readily available to all people, is the Christian and moral obligation of a just society; and

Whereas movements for universal health care have recently come to life in many faith traditions and interfaith organizations,

Therefore be it resolved that we the delegates of the 140th meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ call upon the Congregations of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference, and the staff of the Connecticut Conference to explore, collaborate and cooperate in every way possible with the many and various interfaith efforts in Connecticut to persuade Connecticut legislators to pass legislation to ensure that quality, effective and affordable health care is available to all the residents of Connecticut.