

WHEREAS, the church seeks to minister to all persons, including those who relocate, therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that all congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be urged by the General Assembly meeting in San Antonio, Texas, August 15-20, 1975, through future communication from the Division of Homeland Ministries through the Department of Evangelism and Membership, to continue the practice of notifying sister congregations of names and new addresses of members who relocate within relative proximity to those congregations, that these may minister to those persons and families upon their relocation.

## No. 55

### CONCERNING SUPPORT OF FARMWORKERS

APPROVED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio October 26-31, 1973 approved Resolution No. 43 entitled "Concerning Farmworkers," and

WHEREAS, in that resolution it was expressed that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) over the years has supported the right of all workers, including farmworkers, to organize in the union of their choice for the purpose of collective bargaining with employers, and

WHEREAS, seasonal and migratory farmworkers in recent years have developed their own union, negotiated contracts with more than 150 grower-employers, improved working conditions dramatically, given a sense of dignity and hope to poverty-stricken people and provided much needed medical and social services to workers and their families, and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Resolution No. 43 recognizes the United Farm Workers union as the "farmworkers most representative union," and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers Union, led by Cesar Chavez, is committed to waging its struggle by the discipline and sacrifice of non-violence, and

WHEREAS, farmworkers could not have achieved the gains of recent years without the successful use of the economic boycott, and

WHEREAS, the economic boycott is recognized by virtually every major religious group as a legitimate legal and moral non-violent strategy and that it is crucial and essential to the continuance of the non-violent struggle of poor people against economic exploitation and dependency, and

WHEREAS, there are millions of citizens throughout the nation who are sympathetic to the aspirations of farmworkers and who would support a consumer's boycott aimed at social and economic progress for poverty-stricken people whose labor and toil provide food for our daily sustenance, and

WHEREAS, the duty and obligation of moral responsibility rests upon the Church of Jesus Christ to be the servant of the poor in their just struggle for life and liberty.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) reaffirm support for farmworkers as expressed in Resolution No. 43 approved by the Cincinnati General Assembly in October, 1973.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly support the National Council of Churches' endorsement of the farmworker's boycott of table grapes and iceberg (head) lettuce from California and Arizona and Gallo Wines until agricultural employers negotiate with the union of the workers' choice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly request that units, agencies, assemblies and institutions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) refrain from purchasing or serving iceberg (head lettuce) or table grapes or Gallo wines unless they bear the farmworker's union Aztec eagle label.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly request Regional Boards and Assemblies and local congregations to endorse the farmworker boycott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly support the rights of farmworkers to engage in free secret ballot elections in order to determine if they want union representation and which union they prefer as their bargaining agent and urgently call upon all parties in the dispute to comply without further delay to the worker's demand for such elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly call upon all members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to recognize the necessity for adequate legislation to bring order into the chaos of agricultural labor relations and communicate this concern quickly and urgently to their legislators, both state and national, requesting them to enact farm labor legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly endorse in principle the National Council of Churches' appeal for denominational promotion and observance of an annual "Farm Worker Week."

## No. 56

### CONCERNING MISSION GIVING

REFERRED by the General Assembly to the Division of Homeland Ministries, the Division of Overseas Ministries, and the Church Finance Council.

WHEREAS, the Scriptures implore us to, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . .", and

WHEREAS, there are starving people throughout the world with physical needs, educational needs, and most importantly spiritual needs for the message of Jesus the Christ; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong tendency for many local congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) due to inflation and high operating costs to reduce their mission giving by giving the same amount each year as the last; and

WHEREAS, many congregations do not give more to the Church Finance Council because of the lack of knowledge of domestic and overseas missions and their exact expenditures, the locations of these ministries, or the names of the people involved at these locations; and

WHEREAS, many congregations might be willing to give more to the Church Finance Council, to send communications and small personal gifts to our missionaries, and to give monies to special ministries "over and above" budgeted allocations, if they had aforementioned information:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Division of Overseas Ministries and Division of Homeland Ministries make known to the congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) within one (1) year of this General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in San Antonio, Texas, August 15-20, 1975 the following information:

1. Detailed Overseas and Homeland mission expenditures.
2. General Concepts of these ministries.
3. Locations of mission stations.
4. Names of persons serving as missionaries in each location.
5. Accepted procedures by which local congregations might communicate with and perhaps send small personal gifts to these missionaries.
6. Accepted procedures by which local congregations may designate monies to special ministries "over and above" budget allocations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) be encouraged to increase their mission giving to reflect at least the cost of living and seriously consider an even higher increase to show our true concern for "all nations."