

## **AFFIRMING AND STRENGTHENING MARRIAGE**

(Adopted By General Synod 22 on July 6, 1999)

*Whereas*, the delegates of the Twenty-first General Synod of the United Church of the United Church of Christ “affirmed that the standard for sexual and relational behavior for members of the United Church of Christ is fidelity and integrity in marriage and other covenanted relationships, in singleness and in all relationships of life;” and

*Whereas*, marriage is recognized as one important covenant in the faith and life of the church;

*Therefore, be it resolved*, that the Twenty-second General Synod encourages the use of resources produced by the United Church of Christ and other resources that affirm and strengthen marriage and other covenanted relationships.

*Be it further resolved*, that the Twenty-second General Synod encourages local churches to provide counsel and preparation for those seeking to be married.

*Be it further resolved*, that the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the Covenanted Ministry of the new structure, Local Church Ministries, continue development and promotion of resources and programs to these ends.

Subject to the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.