

RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION TO CCNC-C ANNUAL MEETING

May 18, 19 & 20, 1973

WHEREAS, the church stands for freedom, and the free flow of information,
and

WHEREAS, the public media, namely the press, is under increased
challenge as to its exercising freedom in news and programming, as guaranteed
by the First Amendment of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, one of our congregations, Peoples Temple Christian Church,
Redwood Valley, California, has made a financial contribution for use in defense of
a free press as guaranteed by the First Amendment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christian Church of
Northern California-Nevada (Disciples of Christ) meeting in its
Annual Meeting May 18, 19 and 20, 1973, at First Christian
Church, Modesto, California, encourage its member congregations
to make their voice heard in support of a free and responsible press
by either making financial contributions to insure a free and responsible
press or by letting our elected officials, representatives of the communi-
cations media, and others know that we oppose any action which infringes
on the First Amendment.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Christian Church of Northern
California-Nevada (Disciples of Christ), meeting in its Annual Meeting,
May 18, 19 and 20, 1973 at First Christian Church, Modesto, California make
known to our elected officials, representatives of communications media,
and others our support of a free and responsible press and our commitment
to that position and our rejection of any action which infringes on the First
Amendment.

The Church Board, First Christian Church
San Jose, California

A-12 THE MODESTO BEE
Sunday, May 20, 1973

Church Meet Delegates Back Press Freedom

Delegates to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, annual conference in Modesto voted 4 to 1 yesterday to support freedom of the press, and urged their congregations to make cash contributions and speak publicly "to ensure a free and responsible press."

The resolution was submitted by the First Christian Church of San Jose. It followed the example last January of the Peoples' Temple Christian Church, Redwood Valley, which gave \$4,000 to 12 newspapers, a news magazine and a television station.

230 Attend

Some 230 delegates from 70 Northern California and Nevada Disciples of Christ congregations attended the weekend conference, at the First Christian Church of Modesto, representing about 10,000 members.

Delegates also encouraged a federal cabinet-level Department of Peace to draw together scattered agencies such as the Peace Corps and Arms and Disarmament Agency; supported conscientious objection to military service; and urged election of young people under 25 on church governing boards.

The delegates also planned to debate resolutions calling for dismantling of the Selective Service System; amnesty for Vietnam era draft resisters and allocation of at least the military funds spent in 1969-72 for Indochina reconstruction and redevelopment.