

No. 9718

(Operational Business Item)

**CHANGING THE MEETING TIME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada alternates between a summer assembly and a fall assembly;

AND WHEREAS, one of the mission imperatives adopted at the General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 20-24, 1995, was to share the good news emphasizing ministry with children, youth, young adults, and families;

AND WHEREAS, fall assemblies prohibit the fuller participation of children, youth, young adults and families due to school schedules;

AND WHEREAS, fall assemblies also deter the fuller participation of some laypersons due to work demands, and therefore promotes a larger participation by clergy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, meeting in assembly in Denver, Colorado, July 25-29, 1997, declare that, beginning in 2005, there will be only summer General Assemblies in order to include more children, youth, young adults, families and lay persons.