

**NO. 0524**  
**(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)**  
**ENCOURAGING MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS**  
**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, the young adults of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have always contributed to the greater good, energy, and spiritual life of the church; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was established by 19-year-old Alexander Campbell and 26-year-old Barton Stone, and many other young adults; and

WHEREAS, young adults seek to live the ministry to which Jesus calls them; and

WHEREAS, young adults have often been a difficult group to mobilize and have depended too long on having others provide leadership, programming, and direction; and

WHEREAS, ministries for young adults have received a new mandate from general ministries, regions, congregations, and individuals to find creative ways to reach this important constituency within the church and in the world around us; and

WHEREAS, the church has called for emerging leaders for the establishment of new churches, the renewal of reviving churches, and the welfare of established churches, to expand our vision to the ends of the earth; and

WHEREAS, young adults of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are ready to answer the call for leadership in all its manifestations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in Portland, Oregon, July 23-27, 2005, join young adults in their hope for the greater church, engage young adults in their commitment to ministry and leadership, and unite with young adults as they proclaim, "Tomorrow Starts Now".