

77-GS-74 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the resolution on "Capital Punishment" as amended.

### **RESOLUTION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ in General Synod 7 and General Synod 9 has declared its opposition to capital punishment on religious, moral, ethical and practical grounds, and

WHEREAS the July 2, 1976 Supreme Court decision declaring the death penalty to be a constitutional punishment under certain conditions has effectively halted the 10 year moratorium on executions, and

WHEREAS officially-sanctioned execution has resumed there is an urgency for the United Church of Christ to take action to implement its previous declarations.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 11th General Synod of the United Church of Christ instruct the Executive Council to

1. Develop strategies, coordinate the church's witness against capital punishment and provide the necessary funds.
2. Join, as a denomination, the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty.