

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 0532
(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)
CONCERNING BOLENGE HOSPITAL AND DOCTORS**

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has participated from the founding of the Disciples Community of the Church of Christ in Congo from 1899 to the present; and

WHEREAS, the Congo has experienced war and unrest in recent years, during which the Disciple Church's region, especially its hospitals, have experienced repeated damage and material loss during this time of weakened government; and

WHEREAS, on July 3-4, 2005, additional damages and theft were sustained at the hands of untrained troops resulting in an estimated \$85,000 damage in the Mbandaka and Bolenge regions, including complete pillage of the Bolenge Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Steamship Oregon was made possible at the Oregon Convention at the urging of Dr. Dye almost 90 years ago, beginning a deep commitment of Oregon and the national church to the development of the Church in Congo;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Assembly, held in Portland, Oregon, July 23-27, 2005, renew its commitment to the Disciples of Congo by urging and facilitating the raising of funds to restore medical and administrative services.