WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has declared itself a Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racist church; and

WHEREAS, the General Board has adopted our identity statement saying: “We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord’s table as God has welcomed us;” and

WHEREAS, in 1 Corinthians 1:10, scripture states that the only divisions we have are the ones we create; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 13, 2013, in the case of the State of Florida vs. George Zimmerman, Mr. Zimmerman was acquitted by a jury in the death of Trayvon Martin, a 17-year old African American child; and

WHEREAS, the United States Justice Department has initiated a Civil Rights violation inquiry into the case;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Orlando, Florida, July 13-17, 2013, call upon the General Minister and President to work ecumenically with her colleagues in supporting the Justice Department’s inquiry; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the words of our General Minister and President, shared in worship pertaining to this case on Sunday evening July 14, 2013, be broadly distributed to the church.

Eric Brown, Woodland Christian Church, Columbus, OH
April Johnson, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
Timothy James, Light of the World Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN
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David Cook, National City Christian Church, Washington, DC
Christian Smith, East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, KY
Darryl Trimiew, Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur, GA
Peter Heltzel, Park Avenue Christian Church, New York, NY
Dwayne Bell, New Covenant Christian Church, Nashville, TN
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