

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Resolution Concerning Jubilee 2000/USA and the Cancellation of the Debt of 41 Heavily Indebted Countries of the World

Approved at the 51st Annual Assembly, October 23, 1998

Whereas the year 2,000 is near at hand,

and whereas we have heard the call of Deuteronomy 15 calling for the Jubilee Year to be one in which unpayable debts of the neighbor be cancelled.

and whereas we have heard Isaiah 61 announce that "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to set captives free, and to proclaim a Jubilee Year",

and whereas we have heard Jesus of Nazareth in Luke 4 make his own those very words of Isaiah 61.

Therefore, be it resolved by this 51st Annual Assembly of the Kentucky Council of Churches, October 22 and 23, 1998, that we add our voice to this Biblical tradition and to those of many other religious bodies of these United States to the efforts of Jubilee 2000/USA in demanding that the 41 poorest countries of the world designated by the International Jubilee 2000 have their debts to various world financial institutions cancelled.

Given on this day, October 23, 1998, in Frankfort, Kentucky.