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IMPLIED CONSENT

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine view with alarm the high loss of life and injury on our highways, and are themselves, often tragically involved in this accident toll;
and

WHEREAS, it is widely acknowledged that driving under the influence of alcohol is one of the most significant contributing factors in highway accidents, and

WHEREAS, stronger legal means are needed to apprehend and convict those guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol to remove them as hazards on the highways, as well as to deter others who may be potentially dangerous drivers when under the influence of alcohol, and

WHEREAS, the Congregational-Christian Conference of Maine (United Church of Christ) is concerned that human life be safeguarded and preserved on our highways by every legal means available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congregational-Christian Conference of Maine (United Church of Christ), assembled at its Annual Meeting in Westbrook, Maine, May 5-7, 1967, supports the principle of "Implied Consent" by those who receive driver's licenses to submit to legally established tests of body alcohol content when deemed necessary by state and local police officers, said tests to constitute admissible evidence in court of law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all tests administered by apprehending officers and/or medical doctors to be adequately defined and devised by legal statute to assure accurate and impartial findings, and that any person so tested shall also have the right to a second test given by a medical doctor of his own choosing, results of said test to constitute admissible evidence in court of law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine; to members of the 103rd Maine Legislature, and to the news media.

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ALCOHOL

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference shall go on record as opposing the lib-realization of existing laws concerning alcoholic beverages, and shall oppose on principle the introduction of a state operated lottery.

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WHEREAS, beverage alcohol is the cause of more than half of all fatal automobile accidents, is identified with a high proportion of criminal offenses, and is a contributing factor in the widespread breakdown of family life,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our churches to

- (1) carry on, especially among young people, intelligent programs of education relative to the individual and sociological effects of the use of alcohol.
- (2) encourage the increasing fellowship of non-drinkers.
- (3) demand a more effective enforcement of the liquor laws.
- (4) survey the needs of alcoholics and work for the establishment of clinic for alcoholics where they have not already been provided.