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### **Amnesty International**

THAT the 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council encourages members of Canadian U.U. societies to join local groups of Amnesty International and, where local groups do not exist, that congregations and fellowships take the initiative in forming new groups in their areas.

#### **Supportive Material**

More than two million people are currently being detained solely because of their religious or political beliefs. Amnesty International is a recognized and successful organization working on behalf of Prisoners of Conscience. Furthermore, 1977 has been declared “Prisoners of Conscience” year by Amnesty International in order to gain wider support for their cause.

### **Energy Policies**

THAT the 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges all its societies to support and cooperate with all groups who oppose energy policies that ignore social and environmental needs.

#### **Supportive Material**

Ethical and religious tradition suggests that an act be judged by its effects; it is implied that a moral responsibility exists for the social and ecological effects of our energy policies.

### **Senior Citizens**

THAT the 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council supports all reasonable measures to help our elderly citizens to remain integrated and active in society.

FURTHER THAT the 16th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada to maintain a scale of old age pensions, which will permit the elderly to live in dignity and comfort.

#### **Supportive Material**

A report of the Canadian Council on Social Development has revealed that more than half of the 1.8 million Canadians living on the old age pension exist at or near the poverty line. Many older people are being forced into early retirement when they would prefer to remain at work for a few more years.



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