For years, many religious denominations have actively solicited their young people in the cause of service to underdeveloped countries and less privileged peoples in areas of effort determined by the recipients. The adoption of a Peace Corps as a project of the government of the United States of America emphasizes anew the values of such programs in the furtherance of world understanding and peace. In the great heritage of Judaism, we are enjoined to seek peace and pursue it. Yet, the implementation of this ideal often eludes us in the midst of the complexities of modern life. Therefore, when there arises an opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation and dedication to this goal, we are particularly sensitive to it. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods would seek to encourage Jewish young people to serve their country in the Peace Corps of the United States or, if natives of other countries, in similar projects when established in their lands.

We, the delegates of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, convened in Biennial Assembly in Washington, D.C., November 15, 1961, on behalf of our United States members, express our appreciation of the idealism, the practicality and the potentialities of service inherent in the Peace Corps. We commend the governmental leadership which recognizes the value of “people to people” contact in furthering world amity and in offering unselfish assistance to nations and peoples who would advance themselves.