

1 conformity and not openness of mind. Ms. Rochelle Stackhouse (PNE) spoke in support of the revised resolution
2 specifically as it relates to the final "BE IT RESOLVED." Mr. Edgar Rosa (PNE) was opposed to the revision and
3 felt there is not enough encouragement to affirm both the humanity and divinity of Christ, there is a need to
4 emphasize the triune expression of God, and the basis of his church tradition is the covenant of people and God
5 through service. Mr. David R. Bereford (NH) stood in affirmation of the fine work of this committee.

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7 Ms. Neal called for the vote on the substitute resolution.

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9 05-GS-18 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the resolution "Reaffirming Jesus Christ as Our Lord
10 and Savior and Reaffirming Our Historic UCC Cross, Crown and Orb with Motto Symbol."

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12 **REAFFIRMING JESUS CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR AND REAFFIRMING OUR HISTORIC**
13 **UCC CROSS, CROWN, & ORB WITH MOTTO SYMBOL**

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15 WHEREAS the United Church of Christ, in its Constitution, "acknowledges as its sole head, Jesus Christ, Son of
16 God and Savior;" and

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18 WHEREAS the Constitution of the United Church of Christ declares that our Church "claims as its own the faith of
19 the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers;"
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22 WHEREAS these testimonies of our mothers and fathers in the faith all confess in conformity to Holy Scripture that
23 Jesus Christ is truly human and truly divine; and

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25 WHEREAS our membership in ecumenical councils and our relationships of full communion have renewed our
26 commitment to the ecumenical faith in the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ; and

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28 WHEREAS the Orders for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of Members published in the Book of Worship and
29 New Century Hymnal invite candidates or their sponsors, in accordance with Article V.10 of the UCC Constitution,
30 to profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord or Sovereign; and

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32 WHEREAS the historic registered trade-mark of the UCC, includes the Cross, Crown & Orb with Motto and

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34 WHEREAS the liturgies and hymnals published by the UCC--including the Book of Worship and the New Century
35 Hymnal – affirm that Jesus Christ is our Sovereign, both human and divine; and

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37 WHEREAS our Church's witness to justice and peace is grounded in the authority of Jesus Christ who is the Word
38 of God;

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40 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, meeting in
41 Atlanta, Georgia, celebrates and reaffirms our Church's faith in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, whose true
42 humanity and divinity are declared in our Constitution, our liturgies, our hymnals, and our ecumenical
43 commitments; and

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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-Fifth General Synod reaffirms the historic UCC Cross, Crown, Orb
46 and Motto symbol, and strongly commends its continued use in publications, periodicals, letterheads, websites,
47 videos, display advertising and other visual means of communication produced by all settings of the Church; and

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Twenty-Fifth General Synod commends to the congregations of the United
50 Church of Christ the Orders for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception of Members published in the Book of
51 Worship and New Century Hymnal.

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53 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Twenty-fifth General Synod encourages all who proclaim the Sovereignty of
54 Jesus in their words to discern the implications of that proclamation for the way they live their lives.

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1 Funding for the implementation of this resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the
2 affected agencies and the funds available

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4 **9. RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF MINISTRIES TO OUR CAMPUSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

5 Ms. Neal called Ms. Sylvia Ferrel Jones, chair of Committee Twelve to present the work of the committee.
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7 Ms. Jones moved the Twenty-fifth General Synod approve the amended resolution “In Support of Ministries to Our
8 Campuses of Higher Education.”
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10 Ms. Jones thanked the recorder and technical service assistant for their work. She stated the Committee sought to
11 affirm the importance of campus ministries and other outreach ministries to college students. The Committee saw
12 the responsibility of General Synod as that of making policy, not being directive to the national staff. She stated the
13 committee urges Conferences, Associations, and other United Church of Christ entities, to increase Our Church’s
14 Wider Mission giving so the national office can increase support for this important ministry. She also mentioned the
15 Committee had the privilege of speaking to Rev. Jose De Jesus and Ms. Kimberly Whitney of the national staff, as
16 they sought to discern God’s will.
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18 Mr. James Darnell (ILL) moved to amend the resolution to eliminate some of the revised language and reinstate the
19 original language. The motion was seconded.
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21 Mr. Darnell addressed the original intention of the resolution to provide a strong statement of support for campus
22 ministries. He stated General Synod has set the precedent of directing the types of national staff. He stated that
23 General Synod has deliberated and passed six young adult resolutions in the past fifteen years, and none have been
24 implemented. He asked for some accountability in Local Church Ministries. He demanded that campus ministry
25 concerns be heard and ministries respected.
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27 Ms. Neal then requested discussion for and against this amendment. Mr. Dave Johnston (IK) felt that General
28 Synod is buffeted by an abundance of need, and needs to demonstrate conviction. He then asked people who were
29 in attendance at Synod in large part because of the impact of a campus minister to stand.
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31 Ms. Leslie Taylor (OH) stated that she has benefited as a recipient of campus ministry at a United Church of Christ
32 college and seminary. She is a former national staff member and feels that positions can’t continue to be added
33 without a source of income to support them. She opposed the amendment, but supports an increase in Our Church’s
34 Wider Mission so the position can be fully supported.
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36 Mr. Gregory Morrise (MA) reminded delegates of how his generation was hugely touched by the work of campus
37 ministries, and he believes that the United Church of Christ should seek to lift up young adults in all of their
38 ministries, issues and needs. He also reminded participants that Jesus never made it to age thirty-five.
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40 As a point of information, the committee was questioned about its rationale in removing some of the original
41 language.
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43 Ms. Jones addressed the question. When the resolution was drafted there was no one in national staff serving in any
44 of the positions targeted in the resolution. Last month one of these positions was filled. The Committee felt the
45 resolution to be too directive, but affirmed the importance of campus ministries and a call to churches to increase
46 Our Church’s Wider Mission. It is important that local churches step up to the plate.
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48 Following further discussion from delegates, Assistant Moderator Neal clarified the amendment before the house,
49 and called for a vote on the amendment.
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51 The proposed amendment was defeated.
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53 Ms. Neal directed delegates to return to the main motion, the amended resolution as it came from the committee.
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55 05-GS-19 VOTED: The Twenty-fifth General Synod adopts the amended resolution “In Support of Ministries to
56 our Campuses of Higher Education.