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57 GS 35. VOTED: that Article VIII, Section G, paragraph 7, of the Basis of Union be referred to the Business Committee for "up-dating" and such further consideration and recommendation as may be necessary. (See Appendix 30, page 185.)

Mr. Bladen introduced in turn four other members of the Business Committee, each of whom, after his presentation to the General Synod, read an item of the Committee's report.

Rev. Alford Carleton read the item:

#### Action on Interim Location of Headquarters of the United Church of Christ (Basis of Union IV, N)

The Basis of Union provides that "The choice of location of headquarters for the United Church of Christ shall be left until after the union is effected."

It was agreed that with offices of various agencies of the two communions located in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis, and ultimate reorganization of program administration dependent on the drafting and adoption of a constitution for the United Church, the whole problem of permanent headquarters should be deferred for the present; that, therefore, an interim office for the United Church should be set up, with whatever secretarial staff is required, and that designated executives of the United Church plan to spend a portion of their time in this office as life and work of the United Church may require. It was further agreed that this interim office should be located at neither of the executive addresses of the uniting communions so as to preclude any semblance of absorption or presumption on the part of either.

In order that an interim headquarters office might be opened July 1, 1957 for the carrying forward of business resulting from the Uniting General Synod and developing as the United Church begins to function within the interim, appropriate officers were authorized to contract for the rental of office space at 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

It was further agreed to recommend that the matters of office staff and budget be referred to the Executive Council.

It is recommended that the General Synod adopt these considerations and actions as its own.

57 GS 36. VOTED: to adopt the recommendation of the Business Committee.