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 declared through prophets and apostles.
 In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,
 he has come to us
 and shared our common lot,
 conquering sin and death
 and reconciling the world to himself.
 He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,
 creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.
 He calls us into his Church
 to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
 to be his servants in the service of men,
 to proclaim the gospel to all the world
 and resist the powers of evil,
 to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
 to join him in his passion and victory.
 He promises to all who trust him
 forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
 courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
 his presence in trial and rejoicing,
 and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.
 Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

The delegates responded to the agreement on the Statement of Faith by standing and joining voices in the singing of the Doxology. Chairman Arndt was called upon to lead in a unison reading of the Statement.

Co-Moderator called for a vote on the resolution presented at the Monday afternoon session.

59-GS-40 VOTED: To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith has prepared and recommends to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ the following "Statement of Faith"; and

WHEREAS, The Commission recommends that the following "Statement of Faith" not be included in the Constitution of the United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommends that the following "Statement of Faith" be understood as a testimony of the United Church of Christ to the faith commonly held among us in the words of our time and not as a substitute for or revision of the ecumenical creeds and the confessions, platforms, and covenants of the communions joined in the United Church of Christ;

Therefore, be it resolved that the General Synod of the United Church of Christ approve this "Statement of Faith" as a testimony of that faith commonly held among us:

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being,
creates man in his own image
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
He judges men and nations by his righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

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Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

Be it further resolved that the General Synod submit the "Statement of Faith" to the Synods, Conferences, Associations and Churches of the communions forming the United Church of Christ for their approval and use;

Be it further resolved that the General Synod encourage the use of the "Statement of Faith" in congregational worship, in private devotions, and for purposes of study.

The Chair recognized Co-Chairman Herbster who presented the following resolution of appreciation:

WHEREAS, the General Synod has received a draft of the proposed Statement of Faith from the Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith, it is

RESOLVED, to thank the Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith for its significant and inspiring work, and to continue it in service at least until the next regular meeting of the General Synod for the purpose of dealing with such theological concerns as may be referred to it by the General Synod or the Executive Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Synod encourage the use of the "Statement of Faith" in congregational worship, in private devotions, and for purposes of study.

59-GS-41 VOTED: To adopt the resolution of the Executive Council on the Statement of Faith.

The Chair called the Rev. William Frazier to the platform to continue the discussion on the recommendations of the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, Collection and Disbursement of Missionary, Benevolent and Administrative Funds. Mr. Frazier reminded the General Synod that Resolution No. 4 was before the body. He requested the privilege to withdraw the resolution so that a substitute resolution could be presented. The substitute resolution was presented by Mr. Bladen.

59-GS-42 VOTED: That the General Synod authorize the Stewardship Council as provided in Sec. III-3 (Appendix 9) of the Committee's report; its membership and that of the Executive Committee to be determined by the Committee on Solicitation, etc., and the Executive Council, in the pattern but not necessarily in the number or limited to the officers and members respectively listed in Sec. III-3 and Sec. III-6 (b). Said Council to be convened by the Chief Executive Officer(s) of the United Church of Christ at such time as the Executive Council may determine, and that one of them act as temporary chairman of the Stewardship Council until officers are elected by the Council.

Mr. Frazier presented Item No. 5.

59-GS-43 VOTED: That the election of the Budget Committee as provided in the report of the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, etc., Section I-B-2 (Appendix 9) be deferred until the Constitution is submitted to the Synods and congregations for approval. At that time the Budget Committee shall be elected as provided in order that at the earliest possible date it may begin a study of its task.

Mr. Bladen requested the privilege of placing a resolution before the Synod.

59-GS-44 VOTED: To adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the General Synod express its deep appreciation to the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, Collection and Disbursement of Missionary, Benevolent and Administrative Funds for its careful and significant work in preparing and presenting to the General Synod its report, and that the General Synod continues the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, Collection and Disbursement of Missionary, Benevolent and Administrative Funds for the 1959-1961 biennium for the purpose

Mr. Bladen called on the Rev. John W. Flucke to present a matter of business on behalf of the Executive Council. The following resolution concerning distribution of the Statement of Faith was presented, and it was

59-GS-54 VOTED: To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Second General Synod of the United Church of Christ has approved the Statement of Faith proposed by the Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith submitting it to the Synods, Conferences, Associations and Churches for approval and use.

AND WHEREAS, the true meaning of the Statement of Faith most readily becomes apparent when the Statement is presented in the particular printed form which the Commission itself has consistently used.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this General Synod respectfully requests its Executive Council to make available in quantity at modest cost as soon as possible copies of the Statement of Faith in proper form to be used as bulletin inserts or to be placed inside the front or rear covers of church hymnals.

59-GS-55 VOTED: To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it seems desirable that there be made available to pastors and people certain explanations concerning the Statement of Faith which have been given to the Second General Synod.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this General Synod requests its Executive Council to make available along with copies of the Statement of Faith a brief Interpretation of the Statement of Faith, such Interpretation to be prepared by the Chairman of the Commission to Prepare a Statement of Faith.

Co-Secretary Mackey presented the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph F. King, Jr. and expressed appreciation for their labors in behalf of the delegates and others in making accommodations and providing services. Mr. King responded briefly. Mr. Mackey then presented fifteen youth representatives who had assisted in distribution of reports throughout the sessions of General Synod.

Co-Moderator Phillips called on the Rev. Albert S. Asendorf for the Report of the Committee on Amenities, which he read. (See Appendix 27)

59-GS-56 VOTED: To adopt the report of the Committee on Amenities.

The Rev. Albert C. Ronander reported for the Committee on the Time and Place for the General Synod of 1961, and it was

59-GS-57 VOTED: That the 1961 General Synod of the United Church of Christ be held in Philadelphia, Pa., (and that the 1961 General Synod of the United Church of Christ) to convene on Monday, July 3 and conclude on Friday, July 7.