

The General Synod then turned to the consideration of the resolution on procedures for the adoption of the By-Laws.

59-GS-48 VOTED: To adopt the proposed time schedule for dealing with the By-Laws as follows:

THE PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE FOR DEALING WITH THE BY-LAWS

In response to the directive adopted by the General Synod on Tuesday afternoon, the Executive Council, after consultation with the Commission to Prepare a Constitution and the Presidents of Synods and Superintendents of the Conferences, submits the following proposal:

1. That as soon as possible after the close of this meeting of the General Synod, the Executive Council shall send to each congregation, association, synod and conference a copy of the present draft of the By-Laws with a covering letter, asking that, after study and discussion, recommendations shall be made as to possible changes in this draft of the By-Laws.

2. That the General Synod request that the comments from churches and associations be reported to their synods or conferences, and comments from them and these bodies themselves, as well as comments from instrumentalities, be returned to the Commission to Prepare a Constitution not later than December 1, 1959, recognizing that this procedure does not preclude direct address to the Commission itself at the United Church of Christ at 257 Park Avenue, South, New York 10, New York.

3. That the General Synod request that the Commission to Prepare a Constitution study and evaluate the comments received by December 1, 1959, and send its revised draft of the By-Laws to the Executive Council by February 20, 1960, for transmission to the synods, conferences, churches, delegates and associate members by March 20, 1960, and for submission to the 1960 adjourned session of the General Synod.

The assembly voted to extend the time for the discussion of the report of the Commission to Prepare the Constitution to 10:30 p.m. following the evening prayers.

Evening prayers were conducted by Mr. Fauth.

The General Synod reconvened as a Committee of the Whole. Having adjourned, and the General Synod being reconvened, the Chair asked for a report of the Committee of the Whole. Parliamentarian Rest stated that the Committee of the Whole met from 9:30 to 10:30, discussed the By-Laws, and adopted the following resolution:

That this Committee of the Whole record its appreciation of the many-sided and fruitful labors of its Commission to Prepare a Constitution by recommending that the Synod now close all further public discussion of the Constitution and By-Laws at this session and that the Synod recommend that its delegates and associate members use letters to the

Commission for further suggestions until the Synod reconvene in its special adjourned meeting.

59-GS-49 VOTED: To accept the report of the Committee of the Whole.

The session recessed at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9, 1959

The General Synod convened at Finney Chapel at 8:45 a.m. with Co-Moderator Kapitzky presiding. The session was opened with devotions led by the Rev. Alfred G. Schmalz.

Co-Moderator Kapitzky called on Mr. Bladen to present a statement on the Berlin situation from Dr. Gunther Harder, Fraternal Delegate from the Evangelical Church of the Union in Germany (translation by Dr. J. F. Arndt). (See Appendix 21)

Co-Moderator Phillips took the chair and called on the Rev. Andrew K. Craig for the report of the Nominating Committee. (See Appendix 26)

59-GS-50 VOTED: To receive the Report of the Nominating Committee.

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor for Co-Presidents, Co-Secretaries, Treasurer and Executive Council, Class of 1965. No nominations were offered.

59-GS-51 VOTED: That the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

Upon the report of Secretary Mackey, the Moderator declared the following officers elected:

Co-Presidents: Rev. Fred Hoskins, N. Y.; Rev. James E. Wagner, Pa.

Co-Secretaries: Rev. Nathanael M. Guptill, N. Y.; Rev. Sheldon E. Mackey, Pa.

Treasurer: Mr. Fred A. Keck, Mo.

Executive Council—Class of 1965: Rev. John W. Flucke, Calif.; Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Va.; Rev. Albert G. Gonser, Wis.; Rev. Fred Hoskins, N. Y.; Mrs. Harvey M. Williamson, Ohio; Mr. Charles H. Lockyear, Mo.; Rev. Philip A. Scott, N. Y.; and Mr. Charles L. Gordon, Jr., Pa.

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor for members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Board for Home Missions. There being no nominations, the Co-Moderator instructed the delegates to vote by ballot. The ballots