

Conferences

Associations

Vermont Congregational Conference and Domestic Missionary Society, Inc.	Addison Assoc. Caledonia Assoc. Grafton-Orange Assoc. Lamoille Assoc. Orleans Assoc. Washington Assoc.
Washington Congregational Christian Conference	Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho Assoc. Seattle Assoc.
Wisconsin Congregational Conference	Beloit Assoc. Eau Claire Assoc. LaCrosse Assoc. Madison Assoc. Superior Assoc. Winnebago Assoc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council be requested promptly to record as *acting Conferences*, and in some instances as *acting Associations*, of the United Church of Christ, as may be appropriate and consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church such Conferences and Associations of the Congregational Christian Churches as may hereafter give proper notice of their intention to act as and to perform the functions of Conferences of the United Church of Christ or to act and to perform the functions of Associations of the United Church of Christ.

61-GS-20 VOTED: To adopt the resolution with such editorial changes as may be necessary.

The Co-Moderator asked Mr. Bladen to present the Resolution by which the General Synod may authorize the Executive Council to apply for membership in the name of the United Church of Christ in the World Alliance of Reformed and Presbyterian Churches and in the International Congregational Council:

WHEREAS the Second General Synod approved and made its own the actions of the Executive Council reported to it in Oberlin in 1959, including the following resolution:

“To encourage the two uniting constituencies to continue to maintain their present memberships in the confessional bodies to which they respectively belong.

“To anticipate the desirability that the United Church, when it functions fully as one corporate entity, should continue its membership in both confessional bodies as they move through the present stage of ecumenical development.” (Appendix 6, pages 78-79, Minutes of Second General Synod.)

and

WHEREAS the General Synod has declared the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ in force, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council make application to the **ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN ORDER** for membership in the name of the United Church of Christ with the understanding that such membership be recognized as unbroken continuation of the membership of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the **ALLIANCE**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council make application to the **INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL** for membership in the name of the United Church of Christ with the understanding that such membership be recognized as unbroken continuation of the membership of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches in the **INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**.

61-GS-21 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.

The Co-Moderator recognized the Co-Chairman of the Executive Council, Mr. Herbster, who presented a Resolution to notify the World Council and the National Council regarding proper nomenclature as follows:

WHEREAS, June 25, 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches acted in terms of the Basis of Union with Interpretations to form the United Church of Christ, and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches long have been members of the World Council of Churches and of the National Council of Churches, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches be requested as of this date and forward to continue the memberships of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches in the single membership of the United Church of Christ which body has been formed by union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches without break in their historic continuities, and to list the membership **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches be requested after receipt of a copy of these resolutions to recognize for all their purposes the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Churches to be one body with the name **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**.

61-GS-22 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Herbster then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Basis of Union and Interpretations, a resolution of the Uniting General Synod, and the Constitution consistently emphasize the anticipation that all of the constituencies of the uniting communions will recognize their free and ready access to the life, work, and fellowship of the United Church of Christ, and

WHEREAS, there are some local churches whose questions have caused them to hesitate or to decline to become part of the United Church of Christ or to entertain reservations about recommended procedures, and

WHEREAS, the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches