

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

have transferred all their functions, except necessary legal ones, to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the instrumentalities and agencies of the uniting communions have complied with the terms of the Basis of Union with Interpretations in order to serve as Instrumentalities of the United Church, Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Synod affirm its hope and earnest desire that all local churches of both uniting communions will look forward with expectancy to, and prepare themselves for mutually rewarding discipleship in the life of the United Church and that in the meantime they will employ its ministries and services and use its instrumentalities as tools for their own mission endeavors.

61-GS-23 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Bladen then presented the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that the General Synod hereby assigns to the Executive Council custody of the reports of voting on the Constitution submitted by the Synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches, together with responsibility and authority to:

- a) provide opportunity for examination of the voting report of any voting unit by any officer or member of that unit,
- b) respond at its discretion to requests for examination or use of the voting reports,
- c) clarify the intent of the churches or others in the irregular voting reports submitted, and
- d) destroy the report forms when in its judgment their usefulness is at an end.

61-GS-24 VOTED: To adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Herbster presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Paragraph 200 of the By-Laws provides:

“The Nominating Committee shall consist of eighteen members. At least nine months before each regular meeting of the General Synod the Executive Council shall invite each Conference not currently represented on the Nominating Committee to submit names of a minister and a lay person for possible membership on the Nominating Committee. The Executive Council shall submit twelve of these names, six ministers and six lay persons, to the General Synod which shall elect three ministers and three lay persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for terms of six years. Not more than one member of the Nominating Committee shall be from any one Conference. A member of the Nominating Committee who has served a full term shall not be eligible for reelection until a biennium has elapsed. Terms of members shall begin at the close of the General Synod at which the members have been elected and continue to the close of the third regular General Synod after their election.”

WHEREAS it is impossible fully to implement the provisions of paragraph 200 at the Third General Synod, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council be authorized and directed to constitute a Nominating Committee to serve the Fourth General Synod and to that end that the Executive Council conform to the procedures described in paragraph 200 of the By-Laws so far as possible and practicable.

61-GS-25 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.