

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.