

	Annual Budget for the Biennium 1962 & 1963	%
Council for Christian Social Action	\$ 270,300	1.9
Council for Lay Life and Work	304,700	2.1
Council for Church and Ministry	280,000	2.0
Stewardship Council	1,103,600	7.7
Office of Communication	245,100	1.7
Contingencies	300,000	2.1
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Total	\$14,300,000	100.0

NOTE: The amount received in 1960 by the former National bodies for the above purposes was about \$10,825,000; and it now looks as though about \$11,800,000 might be received in 1961. The increase in 1961 may be about 9% and the budget for 1962 is about 21% above the estimated 1961 amount.

This budget does not represent the amounts requested by the two major boards. Their askings were far in excess of the amounts allowed by the budget committee.

Questions from the floor will be answered by members of the committee, to the best of their ability. By December 31, 1961, a more detailed budgetary statement will be available from all the boards and agencies.

2. Resolved that General Synod hereby authorizes the Budget Committee to determine the formula by which payments are to be made from the Central Receiving Treasury to the instrumentalities, in each of the years 1962 and 1963, up to the amounts set forth in the budget approved by General Synod.

3. Resolved that in the event that apportionment payments to the Central Receiving Treasury are in excess of \$14,300,000 in either 1962 or 1963, this excess shall be distributed as follows:

Board for World Ministries	54%
Board for Homeland Ministries	44%
Contingent	2%
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Total	100%

This budget has been thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared, and it is offered with confidence in the Christian stewardship of the individual Church member.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Helfferich, Chairman
W. Elliott Pratt, Vice-Chairman
John T. Beach, Secretary

The Co-Moderator then recognized the Rev. Ben M. Herbster who presented the following Resolution:

“WHEREAS, existing patterns and procedures for financial support of the work of the uniting communions will be subject to interruption and

change during the period of transition to the procedures contemplated in the Constitution and By-Laws, and,

WHEREAS, during this transitional period circumstances may develop which require the action of the General Synod and the use of the resources of the income of the United Church to ensure the continuance of the work of the United Church in the local churches, the acting Associations and Conferences, the Instrumentalities and the General Synod, and the maintenance of the integrity of all bodies within the church, and,

WHEREAS, all such circumstances cannot now be foreseen and properly dealt with in this meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Council is directed during the coming biennium to consider from time to time the circumstances and needs of such work of the Church and is authorized to develop procedures and provide funds to meet such exigencies and shall have the authority to authorize and direct the treasurer to receive and disburse funds in accordance with its determinations."

61-GS-45 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Herbster was then asked to present the following recommendation of the Executive Council to discharge the Commission to Prepare a Constitution:

That the General Synod, in recognizing the completion of the term of appointment of the Commission to Prepare a Constitution discharges the Commission and records its appreciation of the fulfillment of the tasks committed to this Commission as signaled by the unanimous vote of this General Synod declaring the Constitution to be in force in consequence of the overwhelming vote of the Synods and churches. The wide participation the Commission encouraged has given many a share in their creative work. But the possibilities of unity in life and work and mission in the United Church of Christ which are now come to realization in full constitutional form were developed by the devotion of those whose minds were given to this task in patience and understanding and persistent purpose. Through their efforts the pattern of relationships and responsibilities in the organized life of the United Church has been continually viewed in the perspective of its faith, and the General Synod gives honor to the members of this group which has translated hopes and aspirations into this serviceable instrument of the Church's Christian obedience.

61-GS-46 VOTED: That the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Herbster moved the following resolution to discharge the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, Collection and Disbursement of Missionary, Benevolent and Administrative Funds:

At the completion of the term of appointment of the Committee on Methods of Solicitation, Collection and Disbursement of Missionary, Benevolent and Administrative Funds, the General Synod marks with special appreciation the completion of the tasks in which this Committee was asked to serve the Synod, and discharges the Committee and recognizes with honor the service of the members of this committee. The Constitution now declared in force by this General Synod carries into effect matters brought by this Committee from the first tentative explorations and consultations to the wise provisions now given structure in the Long-Range Planning Committee, in the Stewardship Council, in the Budget Committee and in other pro-