

65-GS-73 VOTED: To approve amended Paragraph 200 as shown on pages 20 and 21 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

65-GS-74 VOTED: To amend Paragraph 213, as shown on page 21 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council" by adding in the sixth line, following "instrumentalities," the sentence "One pastor, one layman, one lay woman, and one staff member of an instrumentality shall be elected at each regular meeting of the General Synod."

65-GS-75 VOTED: To approve Paragraph 213 as shown on page 21 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council" with the addition of the sentence "One pastor, one layman, one lay woman and one staff member of an instrumentality shall be elected at each regular meeting of the General Synod."

65-GS-76 VOTED: To approve amended Paragraph 215 as shown on page 21 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

65-GS-77 VOTED: To approve amended Paragraphs 236, 237a., 238b., 239c., and 240d. as shown on pages 21 and 22 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

65-GS-78 VOTED: To approve amended Paragraph 241 as shown on page 22 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

65-GS-79 VOTED: To approve proposed Paragraph 192a as shown on page 22 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

A motion was made to bring amended Paragraph 203 (as shown on pages 22 and 23 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council") before the General Synod, but without recommendation. There was discussion.

65-GS-80 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-81 VOTED: To defeat amended Paragraph 203 as shown on pages 22 and 23 of "Proposals and Recommendations of the Executive Council."

## **6. Order of Unfinished Business**

Mr. Lincoln Cain, Chairman of the Executive Council, reported that the thus far unfinished business would be taken care of in the following order: (1) Committee for Racial Justice Now, (2) Executive Council, (3) Stewardship Council. He outlined the evening schedules in the event of a backlog of unfinished business.

## **7. Effective Date of By-Law and Constitutional Amendments**

It was reported that By-Law amendments will take effect immediately after the close of this General Synod, but that constitutional amendments must go to the Conferences for approval. A two-thirds approval of constitutional amendments is required.

## **8. Further Action on the Report on Racial Justice Now**

The Rev. Walter R. Goehring, Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Racial Justice Now of the General Synod Report Committee, took up the un-

finished business of that sub-committee. He pointed out necessary editorial changes to be made in the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" in order that it conform to a report of the General Synod. He pointed out that by Monday morning's actions Items on 2 and 3 of B on page 2 were not to be acted upon until the Stewardship Council's report had been made. This has now been done. A motion was made to delete Item A-1 and the first paragraph of Item A-2 and substitute the following motion:

"The General Synod recommends that the President reconstitute the present General Synod Committee on Racial Justice Now; and that after consultation, he appoint a committee consisting of two members of the Board for Homeland Ministries, two members of the Council for Christian Social Action, one member each of the Board for World Ministries, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Office of Communication, the Council for Church and Ministry and the Executive Council. In addition seven members at large shall be appointed by the President, at least five of whom shall be members of active Fellowship of the Committed chapters." There was considerable debate.

65-GS-81 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-83 VOTED: To delete Item A-1 and the first paragraph of A-2 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" and substitute the following paragraph:

"The General Synod recommends that the President reconstitute the present General Synod Committee on Racial Justice Now; and that after consultation, he appoint a committee consisting of two members of the Board for Homeland Ministries, two members of the Council for Christian Social Action, one member each of the Board for World Ministries, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Office of Communication, the Council for Church and Ministry and the Executive Council. In addition seven members at large shall be appointed by the President, at least five of whom shall be members of active Fellowship of the Committed chapters."

A motion was made to delete item A-3 at the top of page 2 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" and to substitute the following:

"The President of the Church in consultation with the Committee for Racial Justice Now shall designate a staff member of either the Board for Homeland Ministries or the Council for Christian Social Action to serve as Executive Coordinator for the Committee and staff."

A motion to amend the substitute motion, by changing the word "designate" to "nominate" was made. There was discussion.

65-GS-84 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-85 VOTED: The amendment to change the word "designate" to "nominate" was lost.

There was a show of hands, sustaining the vote as announced.

65-GS-86 VOTED: To delete Item A-3 at the top of page 2 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" and substitute the following:

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"The President of the Church in consultation with the Committee for Racial Justice Now shall designate a staff member of either the Board for Homeland Ministries or the Council for Christian Social Action to serve as Executive Coordinator for the Committee and staff."

A motion was made and defeated that the words "such as the public declaration of open church membership" be deleted from the fifth and sixth lines of the second paragraph under B-1 of "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now."

A motion was made to delete the first paragraph of B-3 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now." There was a show of hands of 457 for and 236 against, and the vote was announced:

65-GS-87 VOTED: To delete the first paragraph of B-3 of "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now."

A motion was made to tie in Items B-2 and B-3 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" with the action taken under the Report Committee for the Stewardship Council Sub-Committee No. 1, Section F. There was debate.

65-GS-88 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-89 VOTED: That Item B, Sections 2 and 3 of the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" be implemented in the spirit of General Synod action taken under the Report Committee on the Stewardship Council, Sub-Committee No. 1, Item 1, Section F, and furthermore that General Synod specifically authorizes a special Racial Justice Now offering in 1965 or 1966.

65-GS-90 VOTED: To approve the "Recommendation for Continuing Racial Justice Now" as amended.

A motion was made and defeated that the Executive Council, by themselves, or in consultation with the Stewardship Council, make a recommendation to this General Synod for a specific date for an emergency offering for Racial Justice Now in the year 1965.

### ***9. UCC Funds for National Council Commission on Religion and Race***

President Herbster spoke briefly of the difficulty of securing the necessary funds so that the United Church of Christ might pay its \$45,000 share to the National Council of Churches Commission on Religion and Race.

### ***Travel Expense Checks***

It was reported that checks for travel expense will be distributed Monday morning, July 5, in the Registration area.

### ***Closing Prayer***

The following closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Calvin H. Schumacher, of Houston, Texas:

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, continually and without ceasing we feel the need of Thy presence and guidance. In these days of General Synod, give us we pray, an humble and charitable mind, that in all our thoughts,

65-GS-133 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-134 VOTED: To approve Item B-9 of the Sub-Committee on Economic and Social Welfare of the Report Committee on the Council for Christian Social Action. (See X, 8 for later action)

**7. Order of the Day—Unfinished Business—Report on  
“A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now,” as adopted**

The Rev. Walter R. Goehring, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Racial Justice Now of the General Synod Report Committee, presented Agenda 5D, A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now. The document, as approved by the 1965 General Synod, follows:

**A CALL FOR ACTION TO FULFILL RACIAL JUSTICE NOW**  
*Resolution Adopted by the Fifth General Synod United Church of Christ*  
*July 2, 1965*

The United Church of Christ, by vote of the General Synod (1963), has been “radically committed” to struggle for racial justice: “to uproot intolerance, bigotry and prejudice” and “to replace them with goodwill” and “to strike down immediately the barriers which divide men on account of race.”

Since 1963 great strides have been taken to guarantee the equality of opportunity under the law. But today, as we meet, the struggle for racial justice is more intense than ever. We face now the task of making equality of opportunity real.

The moral consensus of our people is clear. Justice there must be. We are grateful to Almighty God for all signs of improved and new relations that are emerging in our nation between Negroes, and other minorities and whites. We thank God for the uncounted legion of men and women who have risked lives and reputations, suffered isolation and imprisonment, and have even gone to their deaths in the cause of racial justice. We thank Him that Christians have had the privilege of sharing in the struggle for justice, freedom and equality for all men.

We acknowledge before God, whom we know in Jesus Christ, and before the nation and the world that our deeds and our accomplishments have not reflected fully God’s call to faithful obedience. We have not yet rid the churches and church-related institutions of racial discrimination and segregation. There is not yet equality of opportunity in education, voting, employment, housing and social relationships. Tension and violence still mar relations between the races. Individuals shrink from showing the love of neighbor required by our Lord.

The General Synod reaffirms its own determination to strive for racial justice *now* in every segment of our common life. It reminds the churches and members of the Call for Racial Justice Now and of our other historic summonses to do battle for justice, equality and freedom.

The General Synod calls upon all members, churches, related institutions, Associations, Conferences and national Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to begin to act—or to continue action already begun—to achieve the following objectives:

1. **OPEN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** Each church which has not done so is called upon to acknowledge officially and publicly that, being a church of Jesus Christ, its fellowship is open.

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2. **WITNESS FOR INCLUSIVENESS:** Churches are called upon to witness and work for inclusiveness by developing ministries and programs whereby white and non-white persons may meet each other regularly in worship, fellowship and service.
3. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE:** Churches, Conferences, Associations and Instrumentalities are called upon to recruit, employ and promote all personnel without regard to race. Ministers and staff should be called on the basis of professional competence, regardless of race.
4. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERSHIP:** Members of church boards and committees at every level should be selected without regard to race.
5. **MINISTRY OF INTERPRETATION:** Curriculum materials and church publications should present an objective picture of different racial groups and convey an understanding of the struggle for basic human rights. Such materials should illustrate the multi-racial character of the world-wide Christian community and underline the fact that racial pluralism enriches the experience of the Christian community.
6. **OPEN DOOR POLICY IN CHURCH RELATED INSTITUTIONS:** Health, welfare and educational institutions related to the church are called upon to select their governing boards and staffs and to serve their clientele without regard to race or color.
7. **WITNESS TO FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES:** Churches are called upon to do business only with those firms which practice fair employment.
8. **STEWARDSHIP OF INVESTMENTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE:** Churches and their agencies are called upon to examine their investment portfolios to determine if funds are invested in corporations which practice racial discrimination and where discrimination is found to work to eliminate such practices.
9. **RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOCIETY:** Churches and individual members are called upon to work actively for the prompt enactment and implementation of laws and executive orders to provide:
  - equal access to quality integrated education;
  - equal opportunity for employment, union membership, apprenticeship and other training programs and promotion;
  - equal access to rent and to buy all housing;
  - equal access to all public accommodations;
  - equal opportunity and representation in voting;
  - equal protection under the law, and the repeal of all racially discriminatory laws, such as laws prohibiting marriage across racial lines and racially discriminatory immigration laws.
10. **INDIVIDUAL WITNESS:** Individual Christians are called upon to engage in persuasion, in negotiation, in reconciliation, and in non-violent direct action for racial justice and to support others who are so engaged.
11. **MAKE REAL THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY:** Christians are called upon to take part in the war against poverty. Especially they are called upon to aid the powerless in our society to participate in the decision-making process.

12. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Churches and individuals are called upon to contribute regularly and generously to continue the work begun by the Committee for Racial Justice Now, activities of other units of the Church—including inter-denominational agencies—which are working for racial justice, and non-church civil rights organizations.

The General Synod expresses not only its commitment to the action for Racial Justice Now as adopted by these actions but underscores its spirit toward implementation by including this resolution:

Let there be no bitterness or lack of generosity among us as we act for racial justice. Christians are constrained to struggle for what is right. Our Lord has commanded us equally to love those persons whom we oppose. It is our task to lead the community, the nation, and the church itself toward reconciliation and into the development of a new reign of justice and love in our society. Through such leadership, we witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ. The General Synod believes that we are called by God in this hour to match the proclamation of the Gospel with deeds of justice, mercy, sacrifice and love.

**8. Actions on “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now”**

A motion was made and seconded to amend the first two lines of item 1 of Agenda 5D, OPEN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

65-GS-135 VOTED: To amend the first two lines of Item 1 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now” to read:

“1. OPEN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Each church which has not done so is called upon to acknowledge officially and publicly that, being a church of Jesus Christ, its fellowship is open.”

65-GS-136 VOTED: To approve Item 1 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now” as amended.

65-GS-137 VOTED: To approve Item 2 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

65-GS-138 VOTED: To approve Item 3 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

The Rev. K. J. Schmiechen of Illinois offered a substitute motion for Item 4 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now,”: The motion was seconded.

65-GS-139 VOTED: To approve the following as Item 4 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now,”:

“4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERSHIP: Members of church boards and committees at every level should be selected without regard to race.”

65-GS-140 VOTED: To approve Item 5 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

65-GS-141 VOTED: To approve Item 6 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

65-GS-142 VOTED: To approve Item 7 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

65-GS-143 VOTED: To approve Item 8 of “A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now.”

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Mr. John B. Kelley made a motion to amend Item 9 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" by adding to the last item the words "such as laws prohibiting marriage across racial lines and racially discriminatory immigration laws." The motion was seconded. There was discussion.

65-GS-144 VOTED: To move the previous question.

65-GS-145 VOTED: To approve the amendment to the last item of Item 9 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" by adding the following words "such as laws prohibiting marriage across racial lines and racially discriminatory immigration laws."

65-GS-146 VOTED: To approve Item 9 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" as amended.

65-GS-147 VOTED: To approve Item 10 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now."

65-GS-148 VOTED: To approve Item 11 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now."

65-GS-149 VOTED: To approve Item 12 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now."

A motion to reconsider Item 6, and to change the words at the end of the second line from "integrate their governing boards, staffs and clientele" and substitute the words "select their governing boards and staffs, and to serve their clientele without regard to race, or color." The motion was seconded.

65-GS-150 VOTED: To amend Item 6 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" by striking "integrate their governing boards, staffs and clientele," and substituting for these words the words "select their governing boards and staffs, and to serve their clientele without regard to race or color."

65-GS-151 VOTED: To approve Item 6 of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" as amended.

65-GS-152 VOTED: To add the following as a preamble to the last paragraph of "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now":

"The General Synod expresses not only its commitment to the action for Racial Justice Now as adopted by these actions but underscores its spirit toward implementation by including this resolution."

65-GS-152 VOTED: To approve the entire report for "A Call for Action to Fulfill Racial Justice Now" as amended.

### ***Closing Prayer***

The morning session recessed after the following closing prayer offered by Mr. Douglas E. Buchanan of Rhode Island.

Let us pray.

"Our Heavenly Father, who has taught us to pray, not only for ourselves, but for all men, hear us as we pray for thy church, as it labors at this Synod and as its ministry reaches out into other parts of our land and the world.