

## TUESDAY EVENING

WHEREAS the General Synod continues its concerns for the interests and welfare of our young men who face Selective Service registration and perform service in the Armed Forces of the United States,

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod urges that churches maintain counseling services designed to aid our young people prior to registration to understand their rights and obligations, including the right of conscientious objection and the moral right for reasons of conscience either to enter military service or to resist a war and military service and that our churches provide them with spiritual and financial support as appropriate both before, during and after they enter the Armed Forces or alternative service, or legal proceedings related to their actions.

69-GS-110 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution on the Welfare of Youth Facing Service in the Armed Forces.

### **(10) Ministerial Salary Support**

WHEREAS the Council for Church and Ministry and the Pension Boards note the constructive response of many UCC Conferences to the 1965 General Synod resolution presented by the Council for more adequate ministerial support, and

WHEREAS definite progress has been made through the development of many Conference-wide salary studies, establishment of salary standards, and guidance given to local church officers by Conference executives and Association committees, and

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ is now engaged with 24 other denominations in a research study of ministers' salaries, to be summarized in a booklet, "A Fair Salary for Your Minister," which will be mailed to our churches, and

WHEREAS it is generally understood through the United Church of Christ that adequate support for the ordained parish minister involves not only his cash salary but also provision for housing and utilities, for travel expenses, for annuity payments, for group health insurance, for group life and long-term disability protection, and some provision for regular study leaves in addition to the usual vacation period of one month, and

WHEREAS the need is recognized that ministerial salaries be more commensurate with other professions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that General Synod call upon our Conferences and Associations to increase their efforts to upgrade the support of ordained clergy, and urge an annual review of the minister's total compensation by a representative small committee of the congregation.

69-GS-111 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution on Ministerial Salary Support.

### **(11) Ministers' Group Health Insurance Program**

WHEREAS the General Synod, having in 1961 originally authorized the Council for Church and Ministry to undertake a program of ministers' group health insurance for ministers and their families, notes with approval the growth of this program to a million-dollar-a-year policy of protection for ministers and their families all across the United Church of Christ, commends the Council for Church and Ministry in its stewardship of the program through the national plan direction of Harold H. Wilke,