

TUESDAY EVENING

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod authorizes the transfer of this program to the Pension Boards, effective July 1, 1969, pursuant to actions leading to such transfer on the part of the Ministers' Group Health Insurance Committee and the Council for Church and Ministry, and the acceptance of the program by the Pension Boards.

69-GS-112 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the resolution on the Ministers' Group Health Insurance Program.

(12) Clergy-Laity Relationships

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod enthusiastically endorses President Herbster's concern for strengthening the church, and therefore encourages every Conference, in concert with Associations and congregations, through appropriate committees and commissions to establish and support continuing programs of leadership skill development in order to foster more effective team relationships among its laity and clergy.

69-GS-113 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the resolution on Clergy-Laity Relationships.

(13) Collegiality

WHEREAS the crisis of the times is seriously reflected in the life of our churches and ministers, causing problems of identity and issues of conflict, and

WHEREAS autonomy of the local congregations limits the development of the associational relationship and support of ministers,

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Synod instruct the Council for Church and Ministry to find ways through the Conferences and Associations to develop and strengthen the associational and collegiality relationship and support systems of ministers and churches for the advancement of total ministry of both the churches and ministers in their area.

69-GS-114 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the resolution on Collegiality.

(14) Student Aid

WHEREAS the Council of Church and Ministry budget, which represents less than 5% of the national budget for this year, has already been taxed beyond the normal strain of carrying on its program as commissioned by the General Synod with limited funds, and

WHEREAS already over 30% of its budget has been designated solely for Student Aid, while the balance has been spread over the remaining eight divisions of the Council's program, while each division of the Council continues to feel the strain of carrying on faithfully a significant program with reduced funds, and

WHEREAS by serious and painful analysis the question has been raised whether such priority of Council of Church and Ministry funds should be given to Student Aid, if it must be done at the expense of other responsibilities that the Council has to carry on and which could not be further reduced without destroying its effective programming, and

WHEREAS the number of students preparing for ministry and the cost of theological education continues to increase,

BE IT RESOLVED that General Synod approves a national plan to establish an endowment fund for Student Aid, soliciting individual and organizational sup-