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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

by substituting for the present text the following:

The Historical Commission of the United Church of Christ shall be the sponsoring agency for the two Historical Societies, Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed. It shall recommend an overall budget to the General Synod, report for the Societies to each regular meeting of the General Synod, promote a unified annual membership solicitation for both Societies, and publish joint Newsletters and other material for the Societies.

The Historical Commission shall continue the archives of the United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For the present, the General Synod encourages the continuance of the separate Congregational Christian archives and the Evangelical and Reformed archives in their present locations.

The Historical Commission shall be composed of twelve members elected by the General Synod for a term of six years, four elected at each regular session. Of these, each of the two Historical Societies shall nominate one; the Nominating Committee of the General Synod shall nominate two. No member shall be eligible to more than two full terms consecutively. Vacancies occurring where terms of service have not been completed shall be filled temporarily through the next regular meeting of the General Synod by election by the Executive Council. The Commission shall determine its own internal organization and rules of procedure appropriate to its task. It shall be responsible to and receive its financial support from the General Synod. It shall report annually to the Executive Council, and to each regular meeting of the General Synod.

6. Suggestion for Identifying Data about Delegates

The Rev. Frederick G. Traut of Illinois suggested that the General Synod urge the Conferences, when submitting names of delegates to the General Synod to the Secretary of the Church, to submit at the same time the age and interests of each delegate in the life and work of the Church. This information will be helpful to the Secretary in making assignments to Report Committees.

Upon motion and second, it was

69-GS-145 VOTED: The General Synod refers the foregoing suggestion to the Executive Council for implementation.

7. Resolutions: Political Oppression; Peace Education

The Rev. Frederick R. Trost of Illinois moved a resolution on political oppression in Vietnam and it was seconded. It was observed that the intent of the resolution had been met in the joint statement on Vietnam adopted in VOTE

69-GS-142, and being put to a vote, the resolution was lost.

Mr. Trost then moved the following resolution on peace education and it was seconded:

WHEREAS war is an absolute negation of all Christian and moral values, and
 WHEREAS two thousand years after the birth of the Prince of Peace war is still an instrument of policy among the nations of the world, and

WHEREAS the cost of war and preparation for battle makes it impossible to deal effectively with the desperate human needs in the world, and

WHEREAS free citizens in this country find it extremely difficult to deal with the vast and intricate complex whose interest are served by war, and

WHEREAS the Seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ in a resolution on National Priorities and Arms Control has called for a change in national priorities,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Synod urge the Conferences of the United Church of Christ, drawing upon the technical skills and resources of the Council for Christian Social Action, the Board for World Ministries, the Youth and Adult Education departments of the Board for Homeland Ministries, and the seminaries of the Church to develop programs of peace education and action that will enable concerned persons to participate more effectively in the making of peace; and that the Conferences reorder their own priorities both financial and personnel where necessary to accomplish this, and report to the Eighth General Synod as to their implementation of this resolution.

69-GS-146 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution on peace education.

8. *Final Report of the Budget Committee*

The Rev. Edward W. Brueseke, Chairman of the Budget Committee, expressed great appreciation for the faithful efforts and hard work of the members of the Budget Committee. He reminded the delegates of the Budget Committee's report in pages 334-347 of *Advance Reports*, first introduced to the General Synod on Thursday afternoon, June 26. He presented Mr. Charles H. Lockyear, Treasurer of the Church, who submitted the following revised budget:

Annual Budget for 1970	
Executive Council	\$ 903,000
Contributions	160,000
Board for World Ministries	3,500,000
Board for Homeland Ministries	3,250,000
Pension Boards	1,200,000
Council for Christian Social Action	424,000
Council for Lay Life and Work	239,000
Council for Church and Ministry	351,000
Stewardship Council	983,000
Office of Communication	334,000
Total for Instrumentalities	11,344,000