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to the General Synod for places of power at the administrative level of the Church by making the Committee for Racial Justice a commission, and for substantial funds for administration and for program which would lead to integration within the United Church of Christ rather than separation.

Mr. Sheares expressed the hope that action taken by this General Synod would be an effective response to the Church's black constituency. He noted that the Committee on Structure report does not provide for the status of the Ministers for Racial and Social Justice and requested that an on-going instrumentality be established which would be responsible for the implementation of the program for racial and social justice, controlled by the black constituency and responsible to it. He also appealed for program and administrative funds sufficient to carry out an effective on-going program relevant to the black constituency but important to all.

The presentation was received with general applause.

4. Report of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education

Assistant Moderator Hefty recognized the Rev. Edward W. Brueseke, the Commission's Chairman, who reported for the Commission and called attention to its report in *Advance Reports* on pages 108-112. He stated that there is no report committee on the Temporary Commission on Theological Education. The Commission is reporting directly to the General Synod.

The members of the Commission were introduced. Following preliminary remarks about the work of the Commission, Mr. Brueseke called attention to the various parts of the report;

- I. Evaluation of the Harrison and other reports
- II. Long-range goals
- III. Procedures for Implementation and Time Schedule
- IV. Suggestions for the Support of the Seminaries in the Interim
- V. Recommended Actions by the General Synod

These were read in their entirety, including the text of a substitution for the first recommended action:

The Executive Council be and hereby is authorized and instructed to appoint a select Committee on Theological Education composed of 15 members, two of whom shall be nominated by the Council for Church and Ministry; two nominated by the Division of Higher Education of the Board for Homeland Ministries; two nominated by the Seminary Section of the Council for Higher Education; and nine appointed at large, none of whom shall be a member of the staff of a United Church of Christ related seminary or Instrumentality. This committee shall be in close consultation with the seminaries and Instrumentalities concerned with theological education. This committee shall report to and be guided by the Executive Council and the General Synod. The terms of the members shall be set by the Executive Council.

Dr. Donald C. Kleckner of Illinois, a member of the Commission, moved and it was seconded that the report of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education be adopted as revised.

Mr. Brueseke requested that the Rev. Edward Manthei, Chairman of the Seminary Section of the Council for Higher Education, be given the opportunity to speak to the General Synod regarding the Commission's report. The Mod-

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erator recognized Mr. Manthei who indicated that in the previous five meetings of the Seminary section there had been opportunity to discuss the report of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education with representatives of the Board for Homeland Ministries and with members of the Commission. The Seminary section approves the report and commends it to General Synod for affirmative action.

The Rev. Robert V. Moss, Jr., an associate delegate, suggested an amendment which was moved by the Rev. Martin T. Johnson, Massachusetts, and seconded, that item 1 as printed in *Advance Reports* at the bottom of page 111 and concluding at the top of page 112 be amended to add the following words at the end of the item: "with particular emphasis on scholarships for black students; on programs for the further education of ministers of black churches; and on seminary programs in black studies. Grants of this kind shall be made in consultation with the Committee for Racial Justice."

There followed lengthy and involved discussion on the amendment and other aspects of the total report with many of the questions and comments centering on the financial provisions of the report.

The Moderator recognized President Herbster who observed that many of the questions and much of the debate were out of order until the General Synod had first settled the question of whether there is to be a select Committee on Theological Education, after which financial and other matters could be settled.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Martin T. Johnson who withdrew his motion that had placed the amendment before General Synod.

The Moderator recognized Dr. Kleckner, who had made the motion to adopt the full report of the Commission, for the purpose of withdrawing his motion and making a new motion. Dr. Kleckner moved and it was seconded that General Synod adopt the first six recommended actions of the report as revised.

69-GS-45 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the first six recommended actions of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education as revised.

The text as finally adopted is in the Appendix.

The Moderator declared that since it was near time for adjournment continued consideration of the Commission's report would be scheduled later.

5. Report of the Churchmen's Coalition on the Boston Statler Hilton

The Moderator recognized the Rev. George Thomas of Boston, a Massachusetts delegate. On behalf of the Churchmen's Coalition, a Boston interfaith group of which he is chairman, Mr. Thomas presented a report on "Personnel Practices of the Boston Statler Hilton, April 23 to June 13, 1969," as follows:

Personnel breakdown as of April 23, 1969

Total employees: 560 in 14 departments

Total black employees: 88 (39 in Housekeeping; 23 in Food Dept.)

Total other minorities: 69 (38 in Food Dept.)

Observations as of the April 23 picture

No black persons in Rooms Dept., (assistant managers, front office managers, room clerks, etc.); no black employees in Beverage Dept., (bartenders, etc.); none in Payroll Taxes, none in Employee Relations (personnel), none in Busi-

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port, these funds to be handled through the United Church Foundation with special priority claim of the personnel and program of that foundation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that General Synod recognizes the Council for Church and Ministry, and its Committee on Student Care, as the responsible body to administer this program of Student Aid.

The Rev. L. Meid Becker moved and with a second it was

69-GS-115 VOTED: The General Synod refers the resolution on Student Aid to the Stewardship Council and the Executive Council for implementation and action.

(15) Crisis in the Nation

A resolution on "Crisis in the Nation" introduced by the Report Committee on the Council for Church and Ministry on Saturday morning had been deferred by the General Synod until the report on the Board for Homeland Ministries should be received. A resolution on this topic, revised in the light of the report on the Board for Homeland Ministries, was now presented.

WHEREAS 70% of the United States population lives within the urban structure and growth statistics indicate that this is an increasing trend; and

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ has adopted a positive stance in facing the challenge of effectively ministering to the underprivileged, deprived, disadvantaged and often disenfranchised members of those cities; and

WHEREAS the Council for Church and Ministry has recently appointed the Rev. James H. Hargett in response to its instruction at the Sixth General Synod to open new lines of communication with the black community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ instruct and empower the Council on Church and Ministry to explore and promote with the Board for Homeland Ministries and the Committee for Racial Justice such new ministries as will effectively shed the light of reconciliation, hope and positive achievement in our urban culture.

The resolution having been moved and seconded, it was

69-GS-116 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution.

5. Further Action on the Report of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education

The report of the Temporary Commission on Theological Education was introduced to the General Synod on Saturday afternoon but the available time had permitted the adoption of only six of the nine actions recommended by the Temporary Commission. The Rev. Edward W. Brueseke, the Commission's Chairman, announced a revision of the dollar allocation in the first of the three remaining recommendations so that they read:

1. The General Synod directs the Budget Committee to allocate to the Executive Council the sum of no less than \$350,000 in 1970 and \$400,000 in 1971 for the support of theological education projects and institutions and the administrative costs of the Committee not covered by the President's office. Approximately \$300,000 will be needed to fulfill the dollar support agreement made with certain seminaries in 1961. Most of the remaining funds will be immediately available for the support of other United Church of Christ related schools and projects.

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2. The General Synod instructs the Executive Council in consultation with the Budget Committee and the Stewardship Council to explore all avenues of possible increased support for theological education, in the light of the present study of the Ad Hoc Committee on Mission Priorities.

3. The General Synod directs the Committee on Theological Education to establish and follow guidelines for determining national seminary support and allocating funds not specifically committed by prior agreement. These guidelines shall include but not be limited to the following:

a. To avoid dissipation of limited funds, national seminary support shall be used primarily to provide first-rate professional education for the ministry in the local church.

b. In making allocations to theological schools, the Committee on Theological Education shall take into account particular historic relationships and patterns of support. It shall also consider other sources of income which seminaries have from endowments, regional support plans and individual programs of promotion and development.

c. Through the use of subsidies the Committee on Theological Education shall encourage professional training of ministers for service in both church and world, ecumenical orientation of seminaries, consolidation of theological schools where desirable, and the pursuit of academic excellence.

69-GS-117 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing recommendations proposed by the Temporary Commission on Theological Education.

The complete text is in the Appendix.

6. Action on a Proposal for a Committee on Investments

Near the close of the Monday morning session, the Report Committee on the Council for Christian Social Action had introduced a resolution designed to create a Committee on Financial Investments. The Moderator had requested that action be deferred until a later time in order that the results of the election of a President of the Church could be announced. This subject was now brought to consideration.

Mr. William L. Parkerson, Chairman of the Report Committee on CCSA, moved the following resolution and there was a second:

WHEREAS the Sixth General Synod

Declared that social values and social justice ought to be given consideration together with security and yield in the investment of funds held by religious organizations; and

Requested the Instrumentalities with substantial investments to continue to study the social aspects of policies and practices with respect to investments and to report on such studies to the Executive Council, and

In view of this commitment and the increased urgency to examine the financial involvement of the Church in the structures of American society,

THEREFORE the Seventh General Synod establishes a Committee on Financial Investments. This Committee shall be appointed by the President of the Church and shall be composed of seven members, one each recommended by the Board for Homeland Ministries, the Board for World Ministries, the Pension Boards, the Council for Christian Social Action, the Executive Council, the Council of

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adopted by the Seventh General Synod

June 28 and July 1, 1969

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2. The Committee on Theological Education shall advise the General Synod on the whole theological education enterprise and make recommendations for the financial support of schools and projects for theological education.

3. The administrative responsibility for the program of this committee shall be assigned to the office of the President of the United Church of Christ.

4. The Committee on Theological Education shall begin to function as of January 1, 1970.

5. As of January 1, 1970, the responsibility for maintaining the national support level promised to certain seminaries through 1971 shall be assumed by the Executive Council, and as of December 31, 1969, the Board of Homeland Ministries shall be relieved of this responsibility.

6. The budget of the Committee on Theological Education shall be a special line item in the budget of the Executive Council. This budget shall include funds allocated for the support of theological education projects and institutions and the administrative costs of the committee, except for the staff costs already covered by the President's office.

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