

#### *4. Ecumenical Representatives Introduced*

President Herbster introduced the Ecumenical Representatives present at the Seventh General Synod, as follows:

Dr. Max A. Kapp and Dr. Homer Jack from the Unitarian Universalist Association;

Mr. Armin Ihle from the Evangelical Church of the Argentine;

Dr. Karl Nielsen from the Evangelical Church of the Union in Westphalia, Germany;

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Duckworth from the Congregational Church in England;

The Rev. Dr. Gosta Nicklasson, President and General Secretary of the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden, and Mrs. Nicklasson, from Stockholm.

President Herbster acknowledged a greeting from the Rev. Ralph F. G. Calder, London, England, formerly Minister and Secretary of the International Congregational Council.

Dr. Nicklasson addressed the General Synod, bringing greetings from his Church to the General Synod.

The Rev. Clarence H. Moatz, the United Church of Christ representative to the American Bible Society, addressed the General Synod describing the work of the Society.

#### *5. Report of the Joint Committee on Church-College Relations*

The Moderator introduced Dr. Donald C. Kleckner, President of Elmhurst College, to present the Report of the Joint Committee on Church-College Relationships. Dr. Kleckner introduced the members of the Committee and then summarized the Committee's report as found on pages 205-208 of *Advance Reports*. He presented the specific recommendations of the Committee, as follows:

The Joint Committee, after long and careful consideration, hereby makes the following recommendations:

A. That General Synod, consistent with its 1967 action, recognizing "that the United Church of Christ' has a major responsibility in the field of higher education," shall promote church-wide recognition of the importance of higher education at the earliest feasible time so that the crucial role of the related colleges shall be understood by laymen and ministers in the Church.

B. That, effective in 1972, a college or academy which is or becomes a member of the Council for Higher Education, its Board of Trustees having taken formal action acknowledging its membership in CHE, shall become eligible for funding by an annual filing of a request for the types of funds available, such action to be reported both to the CHE and the Board for Homeland Ministries.

C. That the academies shall be considered coequal partners with the colleges in all the definitions and terms of the church-college relationships.

D. That the fiscal policy shall apply equally to all colleges and academies within the CHE after the expiration of the present commitments in 1971.

E. That the United Church shall make both new and more vigorous efforts to stimulate the various means of financial support so that the level of support for all its colleges and academies shall rise at least to the level of funds now available for colleges and academies of E & R backgrounds.

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F. That beginning in 1972 and subject to conditions as stated in Recommendation B available funds (i.e., receipts from churches) shall be distributed as follows: one-half in direct grants of equal amounts to related colleges and academies, and one-half in discretionary appropriations.

G. That contributions received by individual colleges from Conferences, Associations, and churches shall be taken into consideration in determining the discretionary appropriations to the colleges and academies.

It was moved, seconded, and

69-GS-72 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the seven recommendations of the Joint Committee on Church-College Relations.

### *6. Report of the Commission on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Study and Service*

Assistant Moderator Horace G. Ports introduced the Rev. David G. Colwell of the United Church delegation to the Consultation on Church Union and formerly its chairman. Mr. Colwell addressed the General Synod, summarizing the report of the Consultation on Church Union as printed in *Advance Reports* and emphasizing the tentative suggestions for local church structure and the timetable for publishing and studying a plan of union.

### *7. Action on the Report on the Commission on Christian Unity*

The Rev. Lorenz L. Eichenlaub, Chairman of the Report Committee on the General Synod, introduced the Rev. Keith M. Jones, Chairman of the subcommittee on the Commission on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Study and Service who presented that committee's report, as follows:

1. The General Synod recognizes that the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) will submit in the early 1970's a plan of union to the United Church of Christ and to eight other constituent denominations, and that the United Church of Christ will have to make some decision on that plan on the basis of its on-going commitment to church union and ecumenism. The General Synod urges all levels of the United Church of Christ to prepare for this decision in such ways as to enable timely, open, honest, and creative confrontation of the issues involved.

Specifically, the General Synod looks for a plan of church union which holds before us such hope of renewal and reform as will encourage us to live through adjustment and change. The General Synod looks equally for a plan of church union embodying such continuity with our denominational traditions that we may see our identity in Christ enriched and strengthened.

The General Synod looks for a plan with structural freedom for the Holy Spirit to speak with power through the church locally to the world and to the whole church. The General Synod looks equally for structural freedom for the Holy Spirit to speak with power through the whole church to the world and to the church locally.

2. To the end that there be responsible preparation for the imminent decision in relation to a plan of union to be submitted by the Consultation on Church Union, and in the interests of getting on with the work of the church, the General Synod: