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floor are made and, further, that the Nominating Committee prepare such a sketch on all nominations made from the floor and that they distribute such sketches at least one business session before the elections are held and, further, that all nominations be listed on both the Nominating Committee report and final ballot in alphabetical order of the last names of the candidates."

The motion was seconded and by common consent was referred to the Executive Council for consideration as a possible amendment to the Standing Rules of the General Synod.

9. Remarks by the Rev. Paul E. Gibbons

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Paul E. Gibbons. He pledged his support to President-elect Moss and voiced his appreciation for the leadership Dr. Herbster has given to the United Church of Christ.

10. Statement by Chairman of Council of Conference Executives

Mrs. George E. Kahlenberg introduced the Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., to make a statement of pastoral concern from the Council of Conference Executives of which he is the Chairman.

We are gathered at this Synod meeting because God has called us into His church to serve the world, and we are seeking to respond in faithfulness and love that we might be instruments for his continuing works of reconciliation in this divided world.

The division and controversy which mark our meeting are no cause for despair. We are united under the lordship of Christ, the Head of the Church. Our differences provide the opportunity for new and creative action. Our common allegiance to our Lord proclaims the hope that there is unity in our diversity—that we will grow in our oneness while affirming the richness of our diversity.

While we must be faithful to our own consciences, let us counsel and debate in love and understanding, and not compound the sins of the past with new forms of racism. Above all, let us hold up our model and brother, Jesus, who was the 'man for others' and who died for us all.

In this spirit let us move on to consider the proposals of the Executive Council which come to us out of a long process of consultation and negotiation.

11. Executive Council Proposals on the "Crisis in the Nation"

Mrs. Kahlenberg presented Executive Council proposals relative to the "Crisis in the Nation," as follows:

1. The General Synod directs that the Committee for Racial Justice be changed to the status of a Commission for Racial Justice with 15 members to be appointed by the President of the Church in three classes of six years each. In the initial appointment of the Commission there shall be appointed five members for two years, five for four years, and five for six years. The majority of the membership shall be black; eight members shall be appointed by the President of the Church from a pool of names submitted by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice. The remainder shall be appointed by the President from any sources within the United Church of Christ. In both categories, nominations and appointments are to be distributed so as to be equitably representative of ministers, laymen and lay women of the United Church of Christ.

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A substitute motion was offered with the unanimous support of the Colorado Conference delegates:

1. That the Committee for Racial Justice be changed to the status of a Commission for Racial Justice for racial and ethnic minorities, the majority of the membership shall be non-white. The Commission shall be composed of fifteen members to be elected by the Executive Council in three classes of six years each. In the initial election of the Commission there shall be elected five members for two years, five for four years and five for six years; eight members shall be elected from a pool of at least sixteen names submitted by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice. The remainder shall be elected by the Executive Council from any source within the United Church of Christ. In both categories, nominations and elections are to be distributed so as to be equitably representative of ministers, laymen and laywomen of the United Church of Christ.

Following a second there was debate and it was voted to amend the substitute motion by changing the word "non-white" at the end of the first sentence to "black". Upon being put to a vote the amended substitute motion was lost.

It was then moved, seconded and

69-GS-75 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the Executive Council proposal to change the status of the Committee for Racial Justice to that of a Commission for Racial Justice.

2. That the Commission for Racial Justice be funded as follows:

a. In 1969 by the *Neighbors in Need* Offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

b. In 1970 by a guarantee based on the actual 1969 receipts for racial justice and any anticipated growth in receipts by the Budget Committee. The guarantee will include receipts from the *Neighbors in Need* offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

c. In 1971 the same process.

d. In 1972 by inclusion in the regular United Church of Christ budget.

A substitute motion was offered and seconded,

That the Commission for Racial Justice be funded as follows:

a. In 1969 by the *Neighbors in Need* Offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

b. In 1970 that there be a minimal budget guarantee of ten per cent of OCWM receipts, including receipts of the *Neighbors in Need* offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

c. In 1971 the same process.

d. In 1972 by inclusion in the regular United Church of Christ budget with the same budgeted guarantee of ten per cent including the *Neighbors in Need* offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion and it was lost.

It was then moved, seconded, and

69-GS-76 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the Executive Council proposal for the funding of the Commission for Racial Justice.

Vote 69-GS-76 was reconsidered and amended at the close of the session on Tuesday afternoon, July 1.

The General Synod was declared in recess until 7:15 p.m.

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MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 1969

The Seventh General Synod was called into session by Moderator Daniels at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 1969. The meeting opened with the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" led by Dr. Frank Harrison.

*1. Further Action on Executive Council Proposals
on the "Crisis in the Nation"*

The Moderator called upon Mrs. Kahlenberg, chairman of the Executive Council. Referring to a new page 2 of "Executive Council Proposals Relative to the 'Crisis in the Nation,'" she proposed the following:

The General Synod urges that a significant role in the decision-making process in the determination of the use of capital funds and of investment funds of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the United Church Board for World Ministries, the Pension Boards, and the United Church Foundation and other Instrumentalities be given to persons recommended by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice.

The Rev. Elmer J. F. Arndt, Missouri, offered a substitute motion, as follows:

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the United Church Board for World Ministries, the Pension Boards, the United Church Foundation and other Instrumentalities are urged to include in the committees concerned with investment or use of capital funds a representative recommended by the Commission for Racial Justice.

Mr. Arndt's motion was seconded and, being put to a vote, was lost.

After considerable discussion it was voted to close debate.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was:

69-GS-77 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal as recommended.

Mrs. Kahlenberg read the Executive Council proposal:

The General Synod commends to the Board for Homeland Ministries the principle of restructuring its relationship with the American Missionary Association, to the extent that it provides for the AMA a means of predominant black representation and supervision, including making provisions for an executive director, who also shall be black.

Mrs. Judson E. Fiebiger, President of the Board for Homeland Ministries, requested that Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss, General Secretary of the Board's Division of Higher Education and the AMA, make a statement about the American Missionary Association. Dr. Hotchkiss reviewed the history and purpose of the AMA.

The Rev. Samuel W. Fogal, Connecticut, proposed the following amendment:

A. The majority of the membership of the Divisional Committee of Higher Education and American Missionary Association shall be black persons and the executive person shall be black, and

B. Serious consideration shall be given to student representation on the divisional committee.

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After considerable discussion, the amendment was put to a vote and was lost.

It was then:

69-GS-78 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal.

Mrs. Kahlenberg read the Executive Council proposal:

The General Synod requests the Board for Homeland Ministries, through its Division of Higher Education and the American Missionary Association and with those denominations already associated with the American Missionary Association colleges, to determine the feasibility of establishing and supporting financially a black university in the South; and to report to the Executive Council in its March, 1970, meeting the results of that study.

After discussion it was voted to close debate.

69-GS-79 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal.

Mrs. Kahlenberg called attention to the amount of business yet to be completed and asked for brevity in speeches. She then presented a further proposal by the Executive Council.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

69-GS-80 VOTED: The General Synod commends to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the United Church Board for World Ministries, the Pension Boards and the United Church Foundation the principle of depositing a portion of funds in black financial institutions.

Mrs. Kahlenberg offered the following proposal on behalf of the Executive Council and after discussion and motion duly made and seconded it was

69-GS-81 VOTED: the General Synod commends to the United Church Board for World Ministries that representatives selected by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice be sent to evaluate relationships existing between missionaries in the African field and the African people.

The following proposal by the Executive Council was presented by Mrs. Kahlenberg:

The General Synod commends the principle of the establishment of black publishing and printing industries and requests the Board for Homeland Ministries through its Division of Publication to explore the feasibility of co-operating with other communions in the establishment of such industries, this study to include but not be limited to: (a) funding, (b) technical assistance, and (c) use of services. The General Synod further requests the Board for Homeland Ministries to make a progress report to the Executive Council in its March, 1970, meeting.

The Rev. Judson E. Fiebiger, Iowa, proposed an amendment as follows:

The General Synod requests the Board for Homeland Ministries through its Division of Publication to explore the feasibility of co-operating with other communions in the establishment of black publishing and printing industries, this study to include but not be limited to (a) funding, (b) technical assistance, and (c) use of services. The General Synod further requests the Board for Homeland Ministries to make a progress report to the Executive Council in its March, 1970, meeting.

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After discussion it was voted to terminate debate. The amendment was put to a vote and was lost. It was then

69-GS-82 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal.

Mrs. Kahlenberg read the Executive Council proposal that:

The General Synod resolves that the United Church of Christ and its Instrumentalities study the possibility of participating financially in the establishment of a Southern Land Bank for the underwriting of co-operative farms.

There was discussion and Rev. Samuel W. Fogal, Connecticut, proposed that the proposal be amended by substituting the words "affirm the principle" for the words "study the possibility."

Upon being put to a vote the amendment was lost. It was then

69-GS-83 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal.

In presenting the next Executive Council proposal, Mrs. Kahlenberg assured the delegates that it had the support of the Rev. Everett C. Parker, Director of the Office of Communication. The proposal was:

The General Synod requests the Office of Communication to study the feasibility of a comprehensive program in communication skills for black persons.

Mr. William W. Welch, Jr., Massachusetts, proposed to amend the proposal by adding at the end the words "and attempt where possible experiments in implementation." There was a second and the amendment was adopted by vote. It was then

69-GS-84 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing Executive Council proposal as amended.

Mrs. Kahlenberg read the further Executive Council proposal:

A. The General Synod acknowledges that in addition to addressing itself to the social, economic, and political problems of the black community, the United Church of Christ must develop forthwith in all of its programs and policies a consciousness for the religious needs and concerns of its black constituency; and that this can be achieved in part by a significant representation of blacks on each major board and committee as recommended by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice.

B. The General Synod calls on members of the United Church of Christ to extend their participation beyond the channels of the Church and respond with initiative in their communities in matters of racial and social justice; and the General Synod urges the Executive Council to take the initiative in mobilizing the Christian people of this nation, through their respective communions and through the National Council of Churches, in an all-out effort to persuade the U.S. Government to undertake a massive program ("Domestic Marshall Plan") directed toward the elimination of the crisis in the nation as it manifests itself in racism, the denial of equal opportunity and justice, the physical and moral decay of our cities, environmental pollution and debilitating poverty.

C. The General Synod calls on members of the United Church of Christ to express willingness to assume the additional tax burden required for the implementation of government programs directed toward the alleviation of poverty and injustice.

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house was requested. With 426 favoring, 100 opposing, and 7 abstaining, it was

69-GS-99 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the Proposal for Action: "Amnesty for War Objectors."

The full text of the Proposal is included in the Appendix.

8. Action on a Proposed Resolution: "Gun Control"

Moderator Daniels recognized Dr. Lewis I. Maddocks, Executive Director of the Council for Christian Social Action, who described the process of study and response by which the resolution was developed. Like the Pronouncements and the Proposal for Action, it had been widely distributed and studied, the responses tabulated and analyzed, and had been the the subject of an open hearing conducted by the Report Committee on Sunday, June 29.

Mr. Parkerson moved that the resolution as proposed be adopted, and there was a second.

Minor amendments were offered by Mr. William W. Welch, Jr., of Massachusetts, the Rev. Edward H. Hastings of Washington-North Idaho, and Mr. Earl Cranston of Montana. These were adopted, and as thus amended, it was

69-GS-100 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the resolution on "Gun Control."

The full text of the resolution is included in the Appendix.

9. Reconsideration and Amendment of a Previous Action on the "Crisis in the Nation"

The Moderator recognized Mrs. George E. Kahlenberg who, on behalf of the Executive Council, moved that the action taken on Monday afternoon in VOTE 69-GS-76 be reconsidered in order to propose an amendment. There was unanimous consent to reconsider.

Mrs. Kahlenberg then moved to amend the action as follows:

"in paragraph b. by adding at the end of its first sentence the following words, 'with a minimum guarantee of \$500,000.'

and in paragraph c. by adding at the end the following words, 'with a minimum guarantee of \$600,000.'"

The motion to amend was seconded.

During debate, Mr. Stanley F. Dole of Michigan proposed a substitute for the Executive Council's amendment. It would have guaranteed to the Commission for Racial Justice \$1,000,000 annually in 1970 and 1971, with a recommendation to the Board for Homeland Ministries and the American Missionary Association that any deficiency in receipts by the Commission below \$1,000,000 per annum be made up from funds functioning as endowment held by the American Missionary Association. With a second and being put to a vote, the substitute amendment was lost.

The Rev. Howard E. Spragg, Executive Vice President of the Board for Homeland Ministries, indicated that in view of the demands on the Executive Council and the mood of this General Synod, the Board for Homeland Ministries had taken cognizance of the effect which the proposals for the Commission on Racial Justice would have on the Board and on the American Missionary Association

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in particular. He said that income and unrestricted reserves would be spent on the "Crisis in the Nation" and that he would give his full support to the amendment proposed by the Executive Council.

It was then

69-GS-101 VOTED: The General Synod amends VOTE 69-GS-76 in the manner proposed by the Executive Council to read as follows:

The General Synod directs that the Commission for Racial Justice be funded as follows:

a. In 1969 by the *Neighbors in Need* offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

b. In 1970 by a guarantee based on the actual 1969 receipts for racial justice and by any anticipated growth in receipts by the Budget Committee, with a minimum guarantee of \$500,000. The guarantee will include receipts from the *Neighbors in Need* offering and the one to five per cent appeal.

c. In 1971 the same process, with a minimum guarantee of \$600,000.

d. In 1972 by inclusion in the regular United Church of Christ budget.

The session recessed at 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 1, 1969

The Tuesday evening, July 1, session of the Seventh General Synod was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Daniels.

1. Presentation of the Board for Homeland Ministries

The work of the Board for Homeland Ministries was presented in word and song by members of the staff and Board of Directors and the Astrakhan Sleeve, a new group of singers and musicians who have developed a new sound and message pointing to human issues through popular music. The staff members and directors who narrated various aspects of the work of the Board were the Rev. Howard E. Spragg, the Rev. Otis E. Young, the Rev. Milton L. Upton, Mr. David F. Marshall, Mr. E. F. Brinckerhoff, Dr. Clifton H. Johnson, Dr. George A. Owens, the Rev. Ralph M. Moore, Jr., the Rev. James O. Gilliom, the Rev. John R. Moyer, Dr. Herbert Stroup, Miss Yvonne V. Delk and the Rev. Paul H. Sherry.

The Moderator presented the Chairman of the Report Committee on the Board for Homeland Ministries, Mr. Richard C. Pfeiffer who introduced Mrs. Judson E. Fiebiger, President of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries; the Rev. John F. McClellan, Chairman of the Board of Directors; the Rev. Howard E. Spragg, Executive Vice President; and Mr. Richard H. Dubie, Treasurer.

Mrs. Fiebiger called attention to the recent retirement of Dr. Purd E. Deitz and read the following statement in recognition of his service:

This day assembled as the Seventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, we honor upon his retirement Dr. Purd E. Deitz for his ministry among us. Serving as the General Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at the time the United Church was founded,