

MONDAY EVENING

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the General Synod instruct the Committee for Racial Justice and its staff to initiate and correlate its program with the various Conference committees for racial justice and their staffs, to communicate with them and to enlist their support.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was

69-GS-88 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution.

WHEREAS the government of South Africa has callously and by law denied black people basic human rights, and

WHEREAS the government of South Africa relies on the world community for financing its internal development, and

WHEREAS black people are not equal recipients of the benefits of that development, and

WHEREAS a consortium of ten banks are lending the government of South Africa forty million (\$40,000,000), and

WHEREAS two sister denominations—the United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church—have withdrawn ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and two million dollars (\$2,000,000), respectively, from the banks, and

WHEREAS the resources of the United Church of Christ and its various Boards and Instrumentalities should be invested in ways most consistent with their avowed purposes,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the General Synod recommends that all investments and funds be withdrawn from financial institutions doing business with South Africa.

Upon motion, duly seconded, it was

69-GS-89 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution.

WHEREAS Martin Luther King, Jr., is a martyred leader in the cause for justice, and

WHEREAS he exemplified the concern of the religious community, and indeed the concern of all people of good will, for justice and the welfare of the poor,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the General Synod call upon national and state governments (beginning in 1970) to proclaim January 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday; that the United Church of Christ set the example at national and local levels by so proclaiming, and call upon sister denominations and other religious groups to do the same,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Synod recommend to the Stewardship Council that it note the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., in its stewardship desk and education calendars, and to the Eden Publishing House and the United Church Press that they note the same in the pocket date books published under their names.

It was moved, seconded, and

69-GS-90 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the foregoing resolution.

It was then moved, seconded, and

69-GS-91 VOTED: that the Resolution on White Racism, pages 127-128 in *Advance Reports*, be tabled.

At twelve o'clock midnight the General Synod recessed until the next morning.