

71-GS-40 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "Church Involvement in Public Issues," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

**Goal.** To direct the ethical, theological, economic, and public policy-making power of the United Church of Christ into the achievement of "the things that make for peace."

*Objective 1.* To develop processes and resources to assist congregations and Conferences to engage in serious reflection upon the Biblical, theological, and historical bases for the church's work for peace.

*Objective 2.* To develop new educational ministries that assist Christian people to understand the destructive nature of war and to implement the things that make for peace.

*Objective 3.* To persuade the Instrumentalities, Conferences, congregations, and individual members to use their purchasing power and investments to challenge businesses whose investments endanger the peace and whose products are used in war and to encourage businesses that are striving for socially constructive ends.

71-GS-41 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "The Nature of U.S. Power," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

**Goal.** To further understanding of the present realities of United States power and to facilitate the redirection of such power for human development and liberation at home and in the world community.

*Objective 1.* To have the Instrumentalities and Conferences develop programs which will engender a sense of world community; uphold the role of international organizations working for peace and justice; and create public support for economic, political, and social rather than military solutions to the world's problems.

*Objective 2.* To develop understanding and support for indigenous liberation movements throughout the world which oppose elitist oppression or totalitarian subversion.

*Objective 3.* To have the membership of the United Church of Christ participate in the development of creative relationships between the people of the United States and those of the People's Republic of China, and press the U.S. government to agree to an arrangement by which the People's Republic of China may become a member of the United Nations.

*Objective 4.* To urge the U.S. government to seek the establishment of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China.

*Objective 5.* To seek a strengthened and reorganized Congress which shall have an enhanced role in the making of foreign policy, military commitments, and the federal budget.

*Objective 6.* To help the United Church of Christ have more comprehensive understanding of the world by seeing it through the eyes of the Christian community in other parts of the globe, and to help white members realize that whites constitute a minority in the world and that they control a disproportionate percentage of the world's wealth, power, and natural resources.

*Objective 7.* To request the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to provide and disseminate educational materials which would create an atmos-