

nizing at the same time that all the great powers consider that they have legitimate national interests in the area stemming from a variety of factors: geographic, strategic, and economic.

71-GS-44 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "Changing U.S. Priorities," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

Goal. To change United States priorities so that justice, development, liberation, health, education, and life-giving environment will predominate.

Objective 1. To have UCC Instrumentalities lead and members participate in a debate about national priorities, looking toward making human needs primary.

Objective 2. To develop in the members of the UCC an understanding of the federal budget so that when alternative budgets which stress human priorities are prepared we may support them.

Objective 3. To utilize the expertise of United Church laity in dealing with the issues of economic conversion and new programs of health, education, welfare, racial and economic justice, environment, and development.

Objective 4. To direct the Executive Council to highlight environmental concerns as a major focus by co-ordinating the diverse ecological expertise of our Instrumentalities into a program of action through our Conferences, Associations, and local churches. Possibly a task force of knowledgeable people in this area might be used.

Objective 5. Deploring the excessive military budgets of the past decade, to urge consideration of alternative budgets that reduce U.S. military budgets by as much as one half, and emphasize the conversion for peaceful development of the U.S. economy.

71-GS-45 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the following Goal and Objectives under the title, "The Ministry of the Church," for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

Goal. To expand the ministries offered by the United Church of Christ to the structures and forces that deal with war and peace, and to support men and women making decisions of conscience with regard to the military.

Objective 1. To continue UCC work in behalf of the things that make for peace at home and abroad, and to develop programs whereby United Church Conferences and congregations may be significantly involved in peacemaking.

Objective 2. To establish a task force on ministries to military personnel to include military personnel, young adults, chaplains, representatives of local churches, campus ministries, Instrumentality representatives.

Objective 3. To express concern for the quality of military justice and have appropriate UCC agencies investigate this system and take action to achieve fully humane standards of justice.

Objective 4. To develop vigorous ministries to insure that each youth who faces the draft will have access to competent draft counseling.

Objective 5. To have Instrumentalities, Conferences, and congregations develop ministries designed to minister to individuals and their families who are caught in the agony of participation in wars as well as to those individuals and their families who object to wars.

Objective 6. To accept an obligation for compassionate personal ministry to veterans of military service and positive effort to achieve for them more adequate