

Church of Christ (specifically in this biennium—faith, racial justice, world peace, and the local church).

*Objective 3.* To recommend that church curriculum be revitalized to incorporate new alternatives and approaches to education, including viable resources such as human, audio-visual, and laboratory training; that such resources be understandable by persons that have no more than a high school education.

*Objective 4.* To urge Conferences, Associations, and congregations to explore current and evolving alternatives to the traditional style of local churches, and to call upon national agencies, such as the Division of Church Extension of the Board of Homeland Ministries, to assist in these explorations.

In the course of debate on the foregoing Goals and Objectives, the Rev. Norman F. Rust, Maine Conference, proposed as a Goal that at least half of the funds in the national budget of the United Church of Christ which are set aside specifically for priorities be allocated to the faith crisis in the local church as the highest priority. Subsequently, Mr. Rust's motion was lost.

During debate on this proposal, the Rev. John C. Mickle, chairman of the Budget Committee, explained the budget-making process. He said that the \$1-million set apart for priorities consists of dollars which otherwise would have been allocated to Instrumentalities in response to their budget requests. The intention in setting aside \$1-million for priorities was to be able to fund new national programs proposed by an Instrumentality, or by Instrumentalities jointly, which the Executive Council might deem most likely to make substantial progress toward priority accomplishment. He emphasized that in the Budget Committee's view the distribution of the priority funds is to be left to the Executive Council.

Mr. Mickle restated this point-of-view with renewed emphasis in response to a subsequent question.

President Moss expressed the hope that it is understood that the \$1-million for priorities is not the only source of funds in the national budget for strengthening the local church and dealing with the faith crisis. He pointed out that the Board for Homeland Ministries, the Council for Church and Ministry and others are involved in these matters in their on-going and regular work.

### *5. Remarks by Mr. Merrill Ottwein*

Assistant Moderator Wagner recognized Mr. Merrill Ottwein, Illinois South Conference, who described his frustration as a delegate in voting on the matters that had been brought before the General Synod and of his concern for the result of the decisions made as they may affect the local churches. His remarks are included in the Appendix.

### *6. Action on resolution on Church and State*

Moderator Pfeiffer assumed the gavel, the session having been extended past the time of scheduled recess. He recognized the Rev. Edward L. Kohlmann, Illinois Conference, to speak to the resolution printed below. It had been introduced by title as new business and referred to the Business Committee, which now reported it to the General Synod. The resolution originated in the Salem Evangelical Church of Quincy, Ill., of which Mr. Kohlmann is pastor, and was adopted in June, 1971, by the Illinois Conference in annual meeting and by the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois.

*Be it resolved* that the General Synod of the United Church of Christ concurs with the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Illinois Synod of the Presby-

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terian Church that the principle of separation of Church and State guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution be upheld, realizing that the public school system is indispensable to American democracy and that any diversion of financial support could seriously jeopardize the validity of the concept of public education in the U.S.A.

*Be it further resolved* that the General Synod of the United Church of Christ urges its member churches to support legislation which upholds this principle.

Mr. John C. Shinn, chairman of the Christian Social Action, advised the General Synod that it would be wise to refer this resolution to the Council for Christian Social Action and to the Board for Homeland Ministries. The Rev. David G. Colwell, Washington-North Idaho Conference, moved, and with a second, it was

71-GS-55 VOTED: The General Synod refers the resolution on Church and State to the Council for Christian Social Action and to the appropriate agency in the Board for Homeland Ministries.

### *7. Further response and action: Racial Justice*

Moderator Pfeiffer recognized Donald W. Ogletree, M.D., chairman of the Exploration Unit on the Racial Justice priority, to present Objective 6 of Goal 5 under that priority. This item as finally adopted is printed in the record of Monday morning.

There was extended debate and when the adopting vote had been taken at 11:20 P.M., Dr. Ogletree remarked that, in his judgment, the delegates were much too tired to do good work and that for the sake of clarity the General Synod should be in recess and allow everyone to get some sleep.

His observation was greeted with much applause and, after brief announcements, the Moderator declared the General Synod in recess until the next morning.

## TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 29

Moderator Pfeiffer called the Eighth General Synod to order at 8:35 A.M. on Tuesday, June 29, 1971.

The opening worship was led by the Chaplain, the Rev. Reuben A. Sheares II. He spoke of the importance of both acting and speaking, of deeds and words. He concluded with a prayer, the final sentences of which were, "Lord, help us to redeem all the words we have used and uttered and shared, and make us ever conscious of that word—the Word in which we were born and out of which we must live in the interest of a whole earth and a whole people under one God. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power." The text of his address is in the Appendix.

The Moderator expressed appreciation for the inspirational and challenging messages which the Chaplain had delivered and the General Synod gave Mr. Sheares a standing ovation.

Mr. Pfeiffer acknowledged with the thanks of the General Synod the contributions of the guest organists from the Grand Rapids churches who had played for the morning services each day.

### *1. Resolution concerning General Synod worship*

The Rev. Garry A. Scheuer, Jr., Missouri Conference, offered a resolution which was duly seconded and it was