

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 29

Moderator Pfeiffer called the Eighth General Synod to order at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 29, 1971.

1. Illinois Conference statement on Council for American Indian Ministry

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Erston M. Butterfield, Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference, who said that the Illinois delegates had asked him to read the following statement into the record:

With thankful remembrance of our Pilgrim heritage and a recognition of our great indebtedness for the very survival of our Pilgrim Fathers upon the love, care and wisdom of the Indian, the Illinois delegation respectfully urges that the Stewardship Council include the leadership of the American Indian Council in every phase of the planning and promotion of the special all-church offering, for which we believe Thanksgiving Sunday to be unusually appropriate.

We celebrate the presence and participation of the American Indians, we rejoice in their request for special assistance, and we thank them for their contributions to our welfare from the earliest beginnings of the United Church of Christ.

2. Commendation of staff

From the floor an expression of commendation was voiced to the staff personnel "who have worked diligently around the clock to make these sessions possible."

3. Further response and action: Racial Justice

The Moderator recognized Donald W. Ogletree, M.D., chairman of the Exploration Unit for the Racial Justice priority to offer Goals and Objectives being proposed by that Unit on which the General Synod had not yet acted. It was at this time that the General Synod adopted for the priority, "Racial Justice," Goal 6 and its twelve Objectives, Goal 7 and its eleven Objectives, Goal 8 and its two Objectives, Goal 9, Goal 10 and its six Objectives, Goal 11 and Goal 12.

In the course of these actions a request was granted that the Rev. Paul H. Sherry of the staff of the Board for Homeland Ministries be accorded voice to speak on Objective 12 of Goal 6.

These Goals and Objectives as finally adopted are printed in the record of the Monday morning session with the preceding Goals and Objectives adopted for the Racial Justice priority.

4. Action on the resolution for funding A.M.A.-related colleges

Moderator Pfeiffer reminded the General Synod that in this day's morning session the Business Committee had offered, as a substitute for the proposed Objective 1 of Goal 2 under the Racial Justice priority, a resolution to institute a major financial campaign in behalf of the six colleges related to the American Missionary Association in their serious financial need. During debate the General Synod had referred that resolution back to the Business Committee for further study with the assurance that it would be reported to the delegates for action in this session, which the Business Committee was now prepared to do.

At the time of referral, the debate was on an amendment offered by the Rev. John C. Mickle, Michigan Conference. For the Business Committee's report to be in order,

it was necessary for Mr. Mickle to withdraw his amendment, which he and his second graciously consented to do.

The Moderator then recognized the Rev. Willard B. Soper to offer the revised resolution on behalf of the Business Committee. Mr. Soper said that a special committee in which all the interested parties were represented had met and had agreed to the wording of the resolution as it was now offered. He then proposed the resolution and it was seconded. After debate, it was

71-GS-59 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod adopts the resolution proposed by the Business Committee for funding the A.M.A.-related colleges, as follows:

WHEREAS there is a dire financial need of the six black colleges related to the United Church of Christ through the American Missionary Association; and

WHEREAS there is a financial crisis in all such institutions around the world which are dealing with racial justice,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directs the Executive Council in co-operation with the Council on Mission Priorities, Instrumentalities, and Conferences to implement a major financial campaign as soon as possible; and

That, in order to meet the dire financial needs of the A.M.A.-related colleges, the Executive Council, in co-operation with the Instrumentalities and Conferences, shall negotiate for each year of 1972 and 1973 loans not to exceed \$1,500,000 designated for the A.M.A. colleges; and

That the campaign receipts up to the full amount thereof be distributed as follows:

1. Payment of all campaign costs.
2. 75% to A.M.A.-related colleges.
3. 20% to the United Church Board for World Ministries for educational enterprises serving racial justice overseas.
4. 5% of the amount raised in each Conference shall be credited to that Conference and, at its option, may be utilized for racial minority scholarships or designated for the A.M.A.-related colleges.

The Eighth General Synod further directs the Executive Council to pay principal and interest on the loans negotiated for emergency financial needs of the six A.M.A.-related colleges from the portion designated for those colleges.

5. Further response and action: Peace and U.S. Power

Moderator Pfeiffer declared that the next order of business would be the further consideration of Goals and Objectives for the priority, "Peace and United States Power."

Upon motion by Mr. Michael McCurry, Northern California Conference, duly seconded, the General Synod voted to limit debate to amendments offered by the Exploration Unit to which the priority had been assigned and to written amendments submitted to the Secretary within the next ten minutes.

Mr. Pfeiffer called Assistant Moderator Ledbetter to the chair and the chairman of the Exploration Unit on Peace and United States Power, the Rev. Fred A. Wenner, to the platform.

Southern Africa

Mr. Ledbetter reminded the General Synod that the order of business was the continuation of debate on the resolution on Southern Africa, which had been postponed