

#### ***14. Council for American Indian Ministry welcomed***

The Moderator recognized Chairman Wagner again. He moved the Executive Council's recommendation welcoming the formation of the Council for American Indian Ministry and there was a second.

Mr. Wagner then requested that Miss Tillie Walker of Denver, Colo., be invited to speak. Miss Walker is Executive Director of United Scholarship Service which assists students of American Indian background and Spanish name background. Miss Walker addressed the General Synod briefly on behalf of the Council for American Indian Ministry. She spoke of the small souvenir drums which had been given to delegates. They had been made in the home industries of the Milk's Camp community on the Rosebud Sioux reservation. Following Miss Walker's remarks, it was

71-GS-77 VOTED: Since the Board for Homeland Ministries is now identifying the ministries for the American Indians as an independent agency though continuing its funding, the Eighth General Synod welcomes the formation of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ in the field of Indian work within the United Church of Christ.

#### ***15. Referral of Objective 10 of Goal 5 under "The Faith Crisis"***

Mr. Wagner reminded the General Synod that in the Sunday morning session, the Budget Committee had reported that it was referring this item to the Business Committee. He moved, and with a second it was

71-GS-78 VOTED: The Eighth General Synod refers Objective 10 of Goal 5 under "The Faith Crisis" to the Task Force on Leadership Development for consideration and report to the Executive Council at its meeting in March, 1972.

The text of the Objective is printed in the record of the Friday evening session under Goal 5 and in the record of the Sunday morning session.

#### ***16. Proposal to Pension Boards withdrawn***

The Rev. Fred P. Register, chairman of the Business Committee's Steering Committee, was recognized. He reported that the motion concerning ministers' pensions made in the Tuesday morning session by the Rev. Herbert J. Guth had been withdrawn at Mr. Guth's own request.

#### ***17. Action on a legal aid program for the dispossessed***

Mr. Register referred to a resolution offered at an earlier time by several Illinois Conference delegates but held for later consideration. He asked the Moderator to recognize the Rev. William S. Mellish, Illinois Conference, who moved the resolution. There was a second and, after debate, it was

71-GS-79 VOTED: WHEREAS we as Christians recognize the need for ministry to, and on behalf of, the dispossessed;

Countless citizens are deprived of justice in the courts, due process, and adequate legal aid because of their poverty, race, political dissent, war objection, homosexuality, age, or life style;

Christians and others who witness on behalf of the dispossessed are similarly persecuted;

The 1972 Civil Liberties for Forgotten Americans project of the Council for Christian Social Action (to be funded by this year's Family Thank Offering with an anticipated \$60,000) addresses this need for only one year;