

mine the schedule of payments to be made in discharge of obligations and allocations authorized in the budget as adopted by the General Synod. In preparation of the budget it shall make recommendations for appropriate support of organizations not directly related to one of the Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ but approved by the General Synod. Paragraph 197 to be deleted

(Insert before present paragraph 208 a new paragraph to read:)

000 The terms "ministers" and "ordained ministers" in the paragraphs describing Instrumentality membership may, for this purpose, include those who hold the status of Commissioned Worker.

Insert a new paragraph and its caption before paragraph 215, the new paragraph to read:

Pension and Relief Activities
The Pension Boards

000 The pension and ministerial relief activities of the United Church of Christ are administered and/or coordinated by the non-profit membership corporations as stated in the Constitution of the United Church of Christ. Paragraph 220 to read:

220 The Office of Communication shall be governed by a directorate of eighteen persons. One member of the directorate shall be the President of the Church. Six members shall be elected by the General Synod—two on nomination by the Executive Council from its own membership at the time of their election and two each on nomination by the United Church Board for World Ministries and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Eleven members shall be elected at large by the General Synod, approximately one-third of whom shall be chosen each biennium for a term of six years. Members of the directorate shall serve until their respective successors are chosen and qualified. Membership of the directorate is to be distributed equitably among ministers, laymen, and laywomen of the United Church of Christ. Vacancies where terms of service have not been completed shall be filled through election by the directorate for the unexpired terms, subject to approval of the Executive Council.

(The Vote as adopted contains essentially the same material referred to by Mr. Smith in making the recommendation on behalf of the Executive Council.)

5. Commissioning of the Pilgrims to Coachella Valley, California

The Moderator recognized President Moss who invited the 95 pilgrims to come to the front of the hall who will represent the General Synod at Coachella Valley, Cal. He stated that a DC 9 plane had been reserved to leave the St. Louis airport at 11:00 p.m. for Ontario, Cal. There the pilgrims would be taken by bus to Coachella Valley to be with the United Farm Workers. The pilgrims represented 28 Conferences. President Moss gave the prayer:

"O God, we send from our midst our fellow members of this General Synod to represent us among our brothers and sisters who are suffering injustice in Southern California. Will you bless, protect and defend them. Grant that their presence may not be only a sign of our commitment to justice but also an earnest sign of that day when all your children will stand together in dignity, with equal opportunity and just participation in the resources of the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." He asked the pilgrims to carry the flag of the United Church of Christ which is the symbol of this General Synod

and of the ministry of the United Church of Christ. The pilgrims left for the pilgrimage singing "We Shall Overcome."

Moderator Colwell stated that the General Synod will now begin to consider the material which has been processed through the small groups and the material will be considered in keeping with Standing Rule #24 adopted by the General Synod.

6. Economic Justice

On behalf of the business committee, Chairman Kenneth B. Smith moved the adoption of the recommendation on Economic Justice (*Advance Materials*, Section III, page 57). A motion was made to amend the motion to adopt the alternative recommendation on Economic Justice proposed by the small group. The amendment was seconded and there was discussion. It was

73-GS-23 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the alternative statement on Economic Justice as amended:

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ affirms its Biblical heritage and the Lordship of Jesus Christ, from which issue the injunctions to "seek justice, correct oppression, defend the fatherless, pleas for the widow," to love neighbor as self, and from which emerge the vision of New Jerusalem where mourning, crying, and pain shall be no more;

WHEREAS there are increasing inequities in the division of wealth and income producing opportunities which persist as major obstacles to racial and social equality and a just society; And in order to state its commitment to a comprehensive strategy for economic justice, the Ninth General Synod:

1. Identifies the following as just and attainable objectives:
 - a) extension, rather than cutback, of publicly funded social services in the fields of education, health, housing, job training, and particularly adequate, comprehensive child development and day care services for all children, especially those of the poor and low income groups;
 - b) improvement and expansion of food stamp program, school breakfast and lunch programs, and the creation of new means to insure that no person be hungry in this society of abundance;
 - c) a return to a full employment economy, with the federal, state and local government as the employers of the last resort;
 - d) a guaranteed minimum annual income program of \$7,214 for every American family of four based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Lower Budget, 1972;
2. Calls for reduced military spending, and reform of local, state, and federal tax systems as the most immediate, humane, and just strategy to produce public funding for human needs;
3. Recognizes the need to work in coalition with organizations of significant segments of the citizenry, such as labor, the aging, and small farmers, which share these economic justice goals;
4. Urges the United Church of Christ through its national Instrumentalities, such as the Board for Homeland Ministries, Council for Christian Social Action, and others, working cooperatively; its Conferences, its Associations and its local churches to:

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- a) seek, undertake, and support appropriate coalitional action in the public sector at local and national levels;
 - b) devote regular and major attention to the interpretation of issues of economic justice and the Gospel to the United Church constituency.
 - c) Further to seek and support appropriate action in the public sector to bring inflation under control.
7. Results of Primary Election for the Executive Council, Class of 1979

Moderator Colwell recognized Secretary Evans who announced the results of the primary election for the Executive Council, Class of 1979. The Rev. Theodore S. Ledbetter received 496 votes and the Rev. Grady S. Poulard received 123 votes of 619 votes cast. Ms. Kay Randels received 480 votes and Ms. Mary Major received 143 votes of 623 votes cast. Mr. Ledbetter and Ms. Randels are elected to the Executive Council, Class of 1979.

The Moderator declared the General Synod in recess at 9:30 p.m. to convene an open hearing on the General Synod budget.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 25

The Ninth General Synod was called to order by Assistant Moderator Manford Byrd at 8:30 a.m., June 25.

1. Church Leadership Award

Moderator Byrd recognized Mr. Milton S. Hurst, dean of students, Talladega College, to present the Church Leadership Award of the Council for Christian Social Action to the Rev. Everett C. Parker. The award reads:

"The Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ gratefully presents this Church Leadership Award to Everett C. Parker for his radical, relevant, responsible faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Gloria Mahorney, chairperson
Larold K. Schulz, executive director

It was noted that Ms. Mahorney was with the delegation in Coachella Valley, Cal. The Rev. Everett C. Parker accepted the award and acknowledged the support of the board and staff of the Office of Communication.

2. General Synod witness for Farm Workers in St. Louis

Moderator Byrd recognized Dr. Wade M. Kornegay. On behalf of the business committee Dr. Kornegay proposed a plan for making a General Synod witness for the plight of farm workers in St. Louis and moved its adoption.

In order to provide a witness in St. Louis in concert with the pilgrims at Coachella Valley, Cal., and after consultation with United Church of Christ persons in the St. Louis area (including representatives of the United Farm Workers Boycott Committee) who are knowledgeable about the St. Louis unions, it is proposed:

(1) The President of the Church or his designated representative be requested to meet with the appropriate officials of the local Teamsters Union to discuss the concerns of the Ninth General Synod for the plight of farm workers as indicated in the General Synod action on June 23, 1973.

(2) Arrangements be made in cooperation with the United Farm Workers Boycott Committee in St. Louis for delegates and visitors to the Ninth General Synod to participate in a picket line between the hours of 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 1973, before a local store selling non-United Farm Workers grapes and lettuce.

(3) An opportunity be provided for delegates of the Ninth General Synod to learn about grape and lettuce boycotting. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. It was

73-GS-24 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the recommendation of the business committee to enable delegates and visitors of the Ninth General Synod to make a witness for farm workers in St. Louis.

In response to a request of the business committee, there was a showing of many hands of those who would participate in the witness at noon.

3. General Synod approval of recommendations of the Executive Council

Moderator Byrd recognized Chairman Kenneth B. Smith of the Executive Council. On behalf of the Executive Council, Mr. Smith moved the adoption of recommendations of the Executive Council. The motion was seconded and it was

73-GS-25 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the following recommendations of the Executive Council:

(a) A.D. Magazine

As a condition precedent to the implementation of the following resolution, the President, in consultation with the Executive Vice-President of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, is expected to be satisfied that the following matters have been negotiated:

- a. a description of the role, function and responsibility of the Publishing Committee as related to the sponsoring communions;
- b. A determination of financial responsibility;
- c. An agreement regarding the basis of and required notice for termination by any participating communion;
- d. Approval of legal counsel;

It was

VOTED:

Whereas the magazine A.D. has begun well; and

Whereas the foregoing information suggests the possibility of better structures for the governance of the magazine A.D. that it may more efficiently serve two Churches; and

Whereas all who publish A.D. today are eager that the magazine tomorrow shall serve other Churches and other Christians as well;

Therefore, these Concurrent Resolutions are offered through the Support Agency of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church and through the Executive Council of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ for approval in identical (or at least counterpart) language by the General Assembly in May, 1973 and the General Synod in June, 1973:

Be it resolved:

I. That the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, through its Support Agency; and the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, through its Executive Council; shall each name eight persons to membership on the A.D. Publishing Committee, in accordance with their established practices. The newly appointed A.D. Publishing Committee, all sixteen persons having been named, shall govern A.D. from January 1, 1974 forward.

II. Whenever it may become necessary to choose a new publisher for A.D. the A.D. Publishing Committee (or its legal successor)