

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 25

Chaplain Peggy B. Way led the General Synod in worship assisted by the Celebration Road Show, the Rev. Randall H. Evans, Jr., Dr. Wade M. Kornegay, the Rev. Richard Riddoch, Ms. Rebecca Kutz and the Rev. William Johnson. The theme of the service was "The Pilgrim Lives and Acts in the Midst of the World." As a part of worship there was a report of the noontime picketing of approximately 80 delegates and visitors at a local supermarket selling non-United Farm Workers grapes and lettuce. There was also a moving, direct line telephone report from Coachella Valley, Cal., by the pilgrims with brief statements by Cesar Chavez, Lawrence L. Durgin, W. Sterling Cary, and Malcolm Bertram and that the pilgrims would return to General Synod that evening to make a full report.

The Ninth General Synod was called to order by Moderator Colwell at 2:35 p.m.

1. Continuation of the Report of the Task Force on Leadership Development

Moderator Colwell reminded the General Synod that at the conclusion of the morning session the delegates had been working on the recommendations for the Office for Church Life and Leadership. The first four items of the recommendation on page 15 of *Advance Materials*, Section III had been adopted. Two amendments to item #5 were still pending before the General Synod. The Moderator granted the withdrawal of both amendments.

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Carl A. Viehe (N.Y.) who moved that a time limit of 30 minutes be placed on each of the remaining issues to be considered by the General Synod. The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Chester B. Eaton who moved to amend the main recommendation by adding a new paragraph #5 to replace paragraph #5 on page 15 of *Advance Materials*, Section III. The motion was seconded. There was discussion and it was

73-GS-33 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the following paragraph to be added as a fifth item to the recommendations creating the Office for Church Life and Leadership:

5. *The Office for Church and Leadership shall receive the functions of the Council for Church and Ministry, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Committee for Theological Education, the Commission on Worship, and the Theological Commission. Funding for these agencies shall cease on June 30, 1974, subject to the required ratification provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ, and the expenses of the Office for Church Life and Leadership prior to June 30, 1974, shall be from the payment schedules of those agencies. Funding for the developmental phase of the Office shall provide for the functions of the Council for Church and Ministry, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Committee for Theological Education, the Commission on Worship, and the Theological Commission. The Office for Church Life and Leadership shall effectively assume its functions upon ratification of changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ by 2/3 of the Conferences of the United Church of Christ. The Director of the Office for Church Life and Leadership and its Board shall be appointed as soon as feasible following the Ninth General Synod. The two Councils, the committee and the two Commissions shall continue to function, preparing for a responsible transfer of duties and responsibilities as soon as possible after ratification of the Constitutional*

amendments by 2/3 of the Conferences, at which time said Councils, the committee and the Commissions would cease to exist.

It was

73-GS-34 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the original recommendation as amended creating the Office for Church Life and Leadership:

THE NINTH GENERAL SYNOD CREATES THE OFFICE FOR CHURCH LIFE AND LEADERSHIP, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974, TO COMBINE IN ONE NATIONWIDE OFFICE THE POLICY-MAKING, OPERATIONAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

1. *The Office for Church Life and Leadership will give impetus and direction to the on-going development of laity and professional leadership. Its basic work will be as a resource for Conferences and Associations for their leadership development needs, particularly as they relate to the leadership needs of the local churches. The Office shall have responsibility to press the whole church, including Conferences, Associations, and Instrumentalities to respond to the needs of the local churches. Where gaps and inadequacies appear, the Office shall also initiate leadership development activities with the Conferences, assuming the possibility that another agency of the denomination may take over such programs later. Contractual relationships between the Office for Church Life and Leadership and the Instrumentalities will also be available to provide leadership development training for, and on behalf of, Instrumentalities.*

2. *The Office for Church Life and Leadership in its developmental phase shall be accountable to the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ. During this developmental phase the Executive Council shall elect a Board of Directors consisting of 18 members to shape the operations and policies of the Office. The Board of Directors shall include members of the Task Force on Leadership Development. The Directorate shall implement the goals and policies of the Task Force Report and any others adopted by the General Synod which pertain to the Office for Church Life and Leadership. The Office shall make the final report of the developmental phase to the Eleventh General Synod in 1977, which will vote the structural design of the future. The Board of Directors shall be accountable to the Executive Council.*

3. *The staff of the Office for Church Life and Leadership shall be deployed in a decentralized manner to be closer to and more in touch with the Conferences and local churches than a centralized staff allows. The staff shall provide resources and initiate leadership development activities collaboratively with the Conferences and Associations as they serve the local churches.*

4. *The Office for Church Life and Leadership shall have a budget of its own and be funded through the national payment schedule.*

5. *The Office for Church Life and Leadership shall receive the functions of the Council for Church and Ministry, the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Committee for Theological Education, the Commission on Worship, and the Theological Commission. Funding for these agencies shall cease on June 30, 1974, subject to the required ratification provided by the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ, and the expenses of the Office for Church Life and Leadership prior to June 30, 1974, shall be from*

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Assistant Moderator Manford Byrd assumed the chair and recognized the chairperson of the Credentials Committee who reported that 639 voting delegates had turned in their quorum cards. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

2. Elections

Moderator Byrd recognized Secretary Evans who referred the delegates to the report of the Nominating Committee on pp. 3-6 of *Advance Materials*, Section III. Mr. Evans reminded the delegates of the decision that a ballot was not necessary for uncontested offices. Therefore the report of the Nominating Committee becomes the ballot with the exception of those offices where there are contests. There is a contest between Mr. Chas W. Elicker and Mr. Peter Thundercloud for Assistant Moderator; in the Council for Lay Life and Work, Class of 1979; the Board for World Ministries, Laywomen, Class of 1979; the Board for Homeland Ministries, Laywomen, Class of 1979; and the Nominating Committee, Class of 1979.

Mr. Evans moved that where there are no contests a unanimous ballot be cast for all the offices as listed in the report. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator recognized Mr. Steven Clifford (Ohio) who moved to reopen nominations for Laymen, Class of 1979, the Board for Homeland Ministries. The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

It was

73-GS-35 VOTED: The General Synod elects by unanimous ballot the following persons to the offices indicated:

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Louis H. Gunnemann (MINN)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Class of 1979

Mrs. Jean Knight Bain	(COLO)
Rev. Winston E. Clark	(ME)
Mr. Chester B. Eaton	(VT)
Dr. Almond C. Edwards	(FLA)
Mrs. Sybil F. Gilbert	(ILL)
Rev. Theodore S. Ledbetter	(CAC)
Mr. George Wm. Myers, Jr.	(NY)

Ms. Kay A. Randels	(MICH)
Rev. Burnell J. Robertson	(SC)
Mr. Mark L. Robinson	(KO)
Ms. Sara Ashby Sawtell	(NEB)

Class of 1977

Ms. Helen I. Barnhill	(WIS)
Ms. Diana N. Gutierrez	(SW)
Mrs. Lois Schneider Selmar	(WASH)

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND ECUMENICAL STUDY AND SERVICE

Class of 1979

Miss Carline R. Ainsworth	(VT)
Mr. Lawrence W. Hilbert	(OHIO)
Mrs. Donna J. Kidd	(KO)
Ms. Becca M. Kutz	(OHIO)
Mr. John K. Murphy	(SE)
Rev. James B. Nelson	(MINN)
Rev. Roy C. Snyder	(IK)
Rev. Stephen V. Weaver	(NH)

COMMISSION ON WORSHIP

Class of 1979

Miss Yvonne N. M. Beasley	(SOC)
Mr. Charles Greg Deering	(CAL.S)
Mr. Robert C. MacCreary	(NY)
Mrs. Edith L. Burns Powell	(WIS)
Rev. Friedrich O. Rest	(SC)
Rev. Kent E. Schneider	(ILL)

THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION

Class of 1979

Rev. Douglas G. Hook	(ND)
Rev. Marvin L. Morgan	(SOC)
Rev. John E. Nutting	(VT)
Rev. Warner H. Sanford, Jr.	(CAC)
Miss Ruby Schroeder	(ILL)
Miss Shirley A. Stallings	(MINN)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Class of 1979

Mr. Randall L. Buchman	(OHIO)
Rev. Richard H. Taylor	(MASS)

Class of 1975

Mrs. Ceres Henkel	(NEB)
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Nominees of Historical Societies

Rev. Dwight L. Cart	(CC) (MASS)
Rev. Nevin E. Shellenberger	(ER) (PC)