

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 25

4. share with the Executive Council the experiences and insights gained from our activities toward understanding and achieving, healing and reconciliation in our area.

Instrumentalities, to seek to:

1. assist members, local churches, Associations and Conferences, in developing understanding and actions To Heal A Nation;

2. provide means and resources from which may be drawn information, leadership, and coordination;

3. conduct regular programs in the light of the goal To Heal A Nation, seeking to coordinate them through the Executive Council and the combined resources of the President's Office, inter-Instrumentality teams, the Office for Church Life and Leadership and through the Council for Christian Social Action.

In addition, the General Synod recommends that the inter-Instrumentality peace team seek to support the program, "To Heal A Nation," by submitting a proposal for priority funding for 1974.

9. A Sense of Moral Breakdown Issue

Moderator Colwell recognized Chairman Smith of the Executive Council who referred the delegates to page 51, *advance materials*. Mr. Smith moved the adoption of the recommendation. There was a second. A motion was made to amend the motion to adopt alternative I. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. A motion was made and adopted to add a phrase to a paragraph in the alternative recommendation. It was

73-GS-43 VOTED: The General Synod adopts as amended the statement on A Sense of Moral Breakdown:

The Ninth General Synod expresses its concern for the moral breakdown in our society, and confesses the deep contrition of our church for its involvement in moral failure, wishes to affirm the moral responsibility of individual Christians, but also strongly urges that the program agencies of the Church as a whole address this problem in ways appropriate to their respective program portfolios.

1. By giving major consideration to a united religious effort among all religious communities on this matter. The effort should not be to re-establish old "rules of morality" but rather to replace our privatized self concern with an outward-oriented concern for others and for corporate expressions of morality.

2. By urging our Christian education programs to emphasize and provide opportunities for experiencing the

moral dimensions of the faith, not only in doing for others but in being for others. This would emphasize the church not only as a servant of the community but as a redemptive community, the leaven in the loaf.

3. By devising programs which would involve church related agencies in a fresh consideration of personal and corporate morality; such agencies as church-related colleges and academies, welfare institutions, public universities, etc.

4. By expanding the scope of the program to include churches and Christians in other countries to make their witness on this concern in a "Mission to America," thus providing us as Americans with new insights and correctives.

5. By calling into question those hierarchical structures which are racist, sexist, and oppressive, that prevent a sharing of power, ignore a wholistic view of values and blunt an individual's use of conscience.

10. Results of the Election

The Moderator recognized Secretary Evans who announced the election results. Mr. Evans stated that in each instance the nominee from the floor for the Council for Lay Life and Work, the Board for World Ministries, Laywomen, Class of 1979, and the Board for Homeland Ministries, Laywomen, Class of 1979 were defeated and the nominees of the Nominating Committee were elected. Mr. Evans gave the results of the voting for the Nominating Committee, Class of 1979 and indicated the three lay persons elected are:

Mr. Paul Gallegos (SW)

Mrs. Marjorie L. Enman (NH)

Mrs. Wilma Matson (KO)

and the ministers elected are:

The Rev. Janet Ray (PC)

The Rev. Marilyn L. Stavenger (OHIO)

The Rev. Alfred E. Dwenger (IOWA)

The Moderator recognized Mr. Robert Carlson (CAL.N) who raised a point of order and questioned whether the election of the persons to the Nominating Committee complies with the requirement of Bylaw 207 that all committees elected by the General Synod must be composed of 20% of persons under 30 years of age.

Mr. Evans stated that he would have to examine the record and he was not prepared at this time to give an answer to the question. The Moderator requested Mr. Evans to provide an answer at the session the next morning.

The Moderator declared the General Synod to be in recess at 12:45 a.m. (after midnight).

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 26

The Ninth General Synod was called to order on Tuesday, June 26, 1973 at 8:30 a.m. by Moderator David G. Colwell.

1. Limit Debate on Africa Resolution

The Moderator recommended that debate and discussion on the Africa resolution be limited to thirty minutes. A motion was made and seconded and by the required two-thirds vote, it was

73-GS-44 VOTED: The General Synod limits debate on the resolution on Africa to thirty minutes.

2. Adoption of a new Standing Rule

The Moderator reminded the General Synod of the notice given on Monday, June 25, that a new Standing Rule #18

would be proposed this morning. The Moderator recognized the Rev. Robert Jackman (MASS) who moved the adoption of a new Standing Rule #18, with subsequent renumbering, that "no delegate may speak to an issue and then move the previous question." The motion was seconded, and it was

73-GS-45 VOTED: The General Synod adopts a new Standing Rule #18: "No delegate may speak to an issue and then move the previous question."

3. Persons under 30 on the Nominating Committee

The Moderator reminded the General Synod of the point of order that had been raised the evening before regarding the under 30 representation on the Nominating Committee, Class of 1979. The Moderator recognized Secretary Evans.