

the Secretary of the Church to arrange and renumber the paragraphs of the Constitution and Bylaws after any amendments adopted by the Ninth General Synod. It was

73-GS-57 VOTED: The General Synod authorizes the Secretary of the Church to arrange the sequence of the paragraphs within the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ as follows:

<i>Paragraph Numbers</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
101-180	(No Change)
185-188	Moderators of the General Synod
199-204	Committees of the General Synod
181-184	Officers
189-191 (first sentence only)	Executive Council
193-195	Executive Council Responsibilities
191 (remainder)	Executive Council Committees
192	Responsibilities of Executive Council Committees; Advisory Commissions
196, 198, 211-214	Councils
205-210, 215-234	Instrumentalities

and further authorizes the Secretary of the Church to renumber the paragraphs of the Constitution and Bylaws of the United Church of Christ so as to make all numbers consecutive and clear, after any amendments of the Constitution and the Bylaws adopted by the Ninth General Synod.

14. Charter for the Commission for Racial Justice

On behalf of the Executive Council Mr. Smith moved the adoption of the charter for the Commission for Racial Justice. The motion was seconded, and it was

73-GS-58 VOTED:

The Ninth General Synod adopts the Charter for the Commission for Racial Justice proposed by the Executive Council:

The Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ shall provide leadership in mobilizing the membership of the Church to work for justice and reconciliation among persons and groups, in the area of race, both within the Church and in society in general. It shall serve as the co-ordinator of a comprehensive strategy among Instrumentalities, Conferences, Associations, and local churches so that that general purpose may be fulfilled. It shall further develop a program of its own that moves toward that goal. The Commission shall seek to do its work through ecumenical and interfaith channels whenever possible.

The Commission for Racial Justice shall be composed of fifteen persons appointed by the President of the Church in three classes of six years each. The majority of the membership shall be Black; eight members shall be appointed by the President of the Church from a pool of names submitted by the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice. The remainder shall be appointed by the President from any sources within the United Church of Christ. In each category, nominations and appointments are to be distributed so as to be equitably representative of ministers, laymen, and laywomen of the United Church of Christ. The Commission shall determine its own internal organization and rules of procedure appropriate to its task. It shall be responsible to the General Synod, which shall determine the amount and means of its financial support. It shall report annually to the Executive Council and to each regular meeting of the General Synod.

15. Ratification of Constitutional Amendments

The Moderator recognized Mr. Chester B. Eaton of the Executive Council who moved, and it was seconded, that the Secretary be directed to transmit all amendments to the Constitution adopted by General Synod in parts A and B of the document on Amendments to the Conferences for their approval. There was a second, and it was

73-GS-59 VOTED: The Ninth General Synod directs the Secretary of the Church to transmit the Constitutional amendments in part A and B of the document on Amendments adopted by the General Synod to the Conferences for their approval.

16. Black University

The Moderator recognized Chairman Smith of the Executive Council. Mr. Smith referred the delegates to a supplement to the Report of the Executive Council on the Black University, the 17/76 Achievement Fund, and the Office of Worship.

On behalf of the Executive Council Mr. Smith recommended the adoption of the Statement on the Black University. The motion was seconded, and it was

73-GS-60 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the statement on a Black University:

In response to the action of the Eighth General Synod (71-GS-76) receiving the report on the Black University as an interim report and instructing the Executive Council to bring in a final report to the Ninth General Synod, the Executive Council has through the President's Office received a proposal for a two-year study from an independent research center which would "attempt to determine what concrete steps must be taken to create a model of a politically-conscious, independent institution of Black Higher Education, one which would make a positive contribution to the many-faceted struggle for Black liberation. The work would also speak to the issue of whether such an institution could possibly exist and survive in the American milieu of the late 1970's." The estimated cost would be \$150,000.

Reactions were sought from the United Church Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, the Board for World Ministries, the Board for Homeland Ministries and two of the AMA College presidents. Serious questions were raised about the proposal by all five respondents and none recommended that we proceed with this study at this time.

Therefore the Executive Council recommends that "a final report" not be prepared and that Instrumentalities which may want to pursue this matter further on an ecumenical basis be encouraged to do so.

17. 17/76 Achievement Fund

On behalf of the Executive Council Mr. Smith moved that the General Synod approve the recommendation of the Steering Committee of the 17/76 Achievement Fund that the budget for the campaign be increased. The motion was seconded, and it was

73-GS-61 VOTED: The Ninth General Synod approves the increase of the budget for the 17/76 Achievement Fund from \$1,700,000 to \$2,011,700.

18. Office of Worship

On behalf of the Executive Council Mr. Smith gave the following report and indicated that no action is required by the General Synod: