

16. INTRODUCTION OF NEW HYMNAL

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Chairperson of the Hymnal Committee, who spoke of the history of the new United Church of Christ Hymnal. On the platform with Mr. Andrews were two other members of the Hymnal Committee, the Rev. Louis H. Gunnerman and the Rev. Thomas D. Garner; and the Rev. Reuben A. Sheares, Executive Director of the Office of Church Life and Leadership. A hymnal was presented to the Moderator and Mr. Andrews led the delegates in singing the hymn "When I O Lord." (Mr. Andrews' remarks are included in the appendix.)

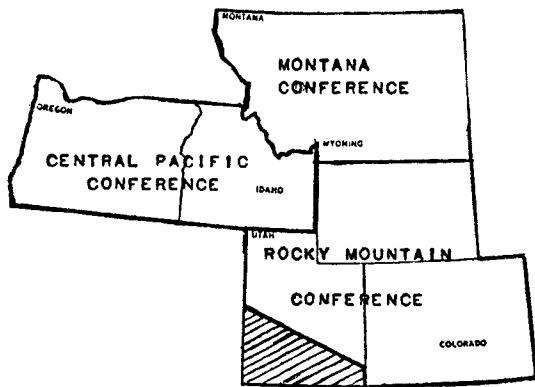
17. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Martin L. Shotzberger, President of Catawba College, who spoke on behalf of the Council for Higher Education. (Mr. Shotzberger's remarks are included in the appendix.)

18. MERGER OF INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE WITH COLORADO CONFERENCE AND OREGON CONFERENCE NAME CHANGES

The Moderator called on Mr. Chester Eaton, Chairperson of the Committee on Structural Planning of the Executive Council, who referred to Advance Materials, Section I, p. 79. It was

75-GS-8 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod, pursuant to Paragraph 37 of the Constitution of the United Church of Christ, approves the merger of the Intermountain Conference into the Colorado Conference and the transfer of the Idaho Association into the Oregon Conference and the transfer of three Wyoming churches into the Montana Conference and approves the resulting adjustment of boundaries between the Conferences concerned, and notes that the new name of the enlarged Colorado Conference is Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ and the new name of the enlarged Oregon Conference is Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ. The new approved boundaries of these Conferences are as follows:



and the Tenth General Synod transfers to the Rocky Mountain Conference the standing previously granted to the Colorado Conference and transfers to the Central Pacific Conference the standing previously granted to the Oregon Conference."

(The *Montana Conference* now includes what was formerly Montana plus three churches that formerly belonged to the Intermountain Conference.

The *Rocky Mountain Conference* includes all of the former Colorado Conference, minus the three churches that became a part of the Montana Conference.

The *Central Pacific Conference* includes the former Oregon Conference and the churches in the former Idaho Association of the Intermountain Conference.)

The new Conference delegations were recognized.

19. PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The Moderator recognized Dr. John L. Washburn of the Executive Council, who referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, B. p. 19 on Pacific School of Religion. It was

75-GS-9 VOTED: The General Synod designates the Pacific School of Religion of Berkeley, California, as a "closely related" seminary of the United Church of Christ.

Dr. B. Davie Napier, President of the Pacific School of Religion, was invited to stand to receive the applause of the General Synod.

20. RATIFICATION OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Dr. Washburn, on behalf of the Executive Council recommended support of the Equal Rights Amendment. It was

75-GS-10 VOTED: The General Synod supports the Equal Rights Amendment and urges local Churches, Conferences, and Associations of those states which have yet to vote favorably on the Amendment to actively work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

21. TOWARD THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

Dr. John L. Washburn moved, on behalf of the Executive Council, the affirmation of the declaration of the Ninth General Synod on recognition of members and ministers of other Christian Churches and also affirmation of the statement on the Mutual Recognition of Members, as indicated in Advance Materials, Section II, p. 29e.

John B. McCall (IL) moved to amend Paragraph I of Item I to read, "through the People of the One God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit," instead of "through the People of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Following an explanation of the meaning and purpose of the present wording by President Moss and the Rev. Fred Register, the motion was withdrawn, and its intent referred to the United Church of Christ delegation and the Consultation on Church Union for clarification. It was

75-GS-11 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod affirms the declaration of the Ninth General Synod:

"The Ninth General Synod declares its *recognition of members and ministers* of other Christian Churches as members and ministers of the Church of Jesus Christ, and particularly those who are related to communion involved in the Consultation on Church Union"; (73-GS-71)

also affirms the statement voted by the 1974 Plenary Session of the Consultation on Church Union:

"*Toward the Mutual Recognition of Members: An Affirmation*"

"(1) As a witness to the faith that animates our participation in the Consultation on Church Union, we, the Church, confess that all who are baptized into Christ are members of His universal Church and belong to and share in His Ministry through the People of the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

- "(2) At this time, when we are living our way toward church union, we affirm that membership in a particular church is membership in the whole People of God. As a participating church in the Consultation we intend to work toward removing any impediments in our life which prevent us from receiving into full membership all members so recognized.
- "(3) In the divided state of our churches the word "membership" is used to refer to enrollment in a particular church. Affirming our oneness in baptism does not abolish membership in a particular church and substitute a common membership in all particular churches, nor does it mean plural simultaneous membership in several, nor does it refer merely to the practice of transferring membership from one particular church to another.
- "(4) Therefore, we covenant with the other participating churches in the Consultation on Church Union to do everything possible to hasten the day when, together with other churches to whom through the Spirit's leading we may yet be joined, we all shall be one in a visible fellowship truly catholic, truly evangelical, and truly reformed."

22. ANTOINETTE BROWN AWARD PRESENTATION

The Moderator invited President Moss to make the Antoinette Brown Award presentation to two outstanding women ministers, The Rev. Rhoda Jane Dickinson and the Rev. Joan Bates Frosberg. He said: "It is especially appropriate that the United Church of Christ through the Task Force on Women has chosen 1975 for the institution of the Antoinette Brown Award to be presented to outstanding women in ministry. 1975 is both the International Women's Year and the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Antoinette Brown.

"Antoinette Brown was the first woman ordained in the U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ can be especially proud of the fact that she was ordained by the Congregational Church in South Butler, New York in 1853. Rev. Brown's life is a history of perseverance and dedication. She had to lead a personal crusade to receive theological training and to finally be ordained. She was active in the anti-slavery movement and throughout her life was in the forefront of the women's rights movement. She lived to be 97 years old, was the mother of six children, the author of ten books. She began her last pastorate at the age of 75. Her view of God and the gospel was revolutionary in its day. In response to criticism she once said, 'My mission is to preach the God of love and creativity and adventure. My God is a God who frees people.'

"In commemoration of Antoinette Brown's life and pioneering spirit and in honor of all women who seek to serve God in the ordained ministry, I would like now to present the Antoinette Brown Award to two United Church of Christ clergywomen whose own lives represent outstanding leadership and pioneering service.

"I would like to mention that the recipients of the award were chosen by a committee (appointed by the Task Force on Women) from a large group of clergywomen nominated by Conference Ministers and Conference Task Forces. The actual award is a medallion specially created for the award and donated by the Country Club United Church of Christ of Kansas City, Missouri.

"The first award is given to a clergywoman from Minnesota. After her graduation from the University of Minnesota she taught school and trained for missionary service through the Y.W.C.A. Instead of pursuing this career, however, she went to a Methodist church in Lancaster, Minnesota where she assumed all the duties of a pastor. Drawn to the Congregational Church because of its policy of ordaining women, she was ordained in 1921 at her parish in Glasgow, Montana. In succeeding years she served other churches in Montana, Minnesota and South Dakota. She served as Conference Association Moderator in the Congregational Church and since her retirement in 1952 she has served numerous interim pastorates and taught Bible courses. I would like to honor a member of Plymouth Congregational Church here in Minneapolis and a minister of the United Church of Christ, the *Rev. Rhoda Jane Dickinson*.

"Our other recipient is a graduate of Yale Divinity School. Ordained in 1954, she was a member of a group ministry of the Wider City Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, for 15 years. She also was Program Director of the Ecumenical Continuing Education Center at Yale. She is presently Registrar, lecturer and Student Advisor at Yale Divinity School. During her years at Yale she has worked to increase the number of women on the faculty, helped found the Women's Center, taught courses on women in ministry, helped women secure field placements and has been of great support and encouragement to the steadily increasing number of women seminarians at Yale and elsewhere. She has also shown a continued commitment to the concern for racial justice and continues to live in the inner city. I would like to present this award to a member of the Dixwell Avenue United Church of New Haven, Connecticut, and a minister of the United Church of Christ, The *Rev. Joan Bates Frosberg*."

Both honorees graciously accepted the award and received the standing applause of the Tenth General Synod.

23. NEW BUSINESS

The Moderator announced that new business items would be received from the floor by title only. The documents will then be given to the Business Committee for referral. The following new business was presented:

Resolution on Unconditional General Amnesty.

Resolution on Voting Congressional Representation for the District of Columbia.

Resolution on Facility-Care for Older Persons.

Resolution on Concern for Ecumenical Celebration.

Resolution Related to Support of Our Closely Related Seminaries.

Resolution that the Proposed Advisory Committee on World Hunger include Third World Peoples.

Resolution to President Ford to Name an Asian American to the Presidential Refugee Task Force.

Resolution on Recognition of the Hispanic Caucus.

Resolution on Post War Conditions in Indochina.

Resolution on the Wilmington Ten.

Resolution on the Central Intelligence Agency.

After announcements, the Moderator declared the General Synod to be in recess until 2:00 p.m.