

## SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 29

<i>When</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>How</i>
Sept. 1975	Challenge to the official boards of congregations	Reading at the regular meeting of the official board of the special message from the General Synod including the part addressed particularly to the official board.
Fall 1975	Report to Association meetings	Delegates to General Synod report to fall meetings of associations, emphasizing the proposal.
Sept. - Oct. 1975	Getting pastors on board	Conference leaders use various occasions to enlist the support of the pastors for the efforts to be made under this proposal.
Nov. 1975 through Jan. 1976	Scheduling meetings with official boards of congregations	Conferences use personal contact, phone, mail to schedule meetings of visitors with official boards.
Jan. 1976	Training visitors	Training session(s) for visitors conducted by conference and Stewardship Council leaders.
By Feb. 1, 1976	Report of an accepted Basic Support goal	Congregation informs the conference of its accepted Basic Support goal by returning a form provided by the conference.
Feb. 1 - March 14, 1976	Meetings with official boards of congregations	Visitors that have been trained attend a regular meeting of the official board to discuss the proposal and urge concerted efforts to increase support for the total mission.
Feb. 14 - March 28, 1976	Christian Enlistment Workshops	Workshops conducted by conference and Stewardship Council leaders, explaining the Christian Enlistment process and emphasizing Phases 1, 2, and 3.
March - Nov. 1976	Christian Enlistment	Local church leaders conduct the Christian Enlistment process in their congregations.
April - Oct. 1976	Deciding on a conference commitment for National Basic Support	Conference annual meeting (or the board of directors) establishes this commitment in light of accepted congregational goals.
Sept. 1976	Christian Enlistment Workshops	Workshop conducted by conference and Stewardship Council leaders, emphasizing Phases 4 and 5.
Oct. 1976 through Jan. 1977	Pulpit exchange or special guest message	Pastor or lay person from another church will present a message emphasizing 1) the importance of the church's mission in today's world and 2) the challenge of \$1 per week for every \$1,000 of annual income or some other challenge determined in joint planning by the conference and the Stewardship Council.
By Feb. 1, 1977	Report on accepted Basic Support goals	Congregation informs the conference of its accepted Basic Support goal by returning a form provided by the conference.
April - Oct. 1977	Establish conference commitment for National Basic Support	Conference annual meeting (or the board of directors) establishes this commitment in light of accepted congregational goals.

### 10. SUPPORT OF OUR CLOSELY RELATED SEMINARIES

The Moderator recognized Mr. Bredeweg. On behalf of the business committee Mr. Bredeweg moved the adoption of the resolution introduced as new business on "Support of Our Closely Related Seminaries." Mrs. Barnes was recognized and moved an alternate proposal on "Support of Our Closely Related Seminaries." The motion was seconded and there was discussion.

The Moderator recognized Brad S. Lutz (PSE) who moved to amend the motion to change the second paragraph in the resolved section by inserting the words: "The Tenth General Synod requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership with the Conferences and Seminaries to develop a functioning program of regional support for the closely related seminaries during the next biennium for report to the

Eleventh General Synod." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

The Moderator recognized James A. Christopher (NY) who moved to amend the motion by adding to the first paragraph in the resolved section the words: "and encourages the seminaries to become more aware of the needs related to theological training of persons for service in the Conferences and local churches." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted.

The Moderator recognized Arthur C. Weil (CT) who moved to amend the motion by the addition of the statement: "The Tenth General Synod grants \$10,000 per year to each of the seminaries related to the Council for Higher Education." The Moderator ruled the motion out of order since it fails to meet the provision of Standing Rule #15 which states that any motion which includes designation of

funding must first be cleared with the Finance and Budget Committee.

The Moderator recognized Brad S. Lutz (PSE) who moved to amend the motion by adding to the second paragraph in the resolved section the phrase: "and requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership with the Conferences and seminaries to develop a functioning program of regional support for the closely related seminaries during the next biennium for report to the Eleventh General Synod." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted.

The Moderator recognized Frank A. Chong (HI) who moved to amend the motion by adding a new paragraph to the resolved section: "The Tenth General Synod recommends and urges the closely related seminaries to provide more relevant and significant training and education for ministers of Pacific Islands, Asian and Hispanic ancestries." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted.

The Moderator recognized Harold Davenport (FL) who moved to amend the motion by changing the percentage figures in the second paragraph from 2% to 1%. The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost. It was

75-GS-31 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the statement on "Support of Our Closely Related Seminaries" as amended.

#### SUPPORT OF OUR CLOSELY RELATED SEMINARIES

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ has as its heritage the tradition of providing theologically skilled and competent pastoral leadership which is integral to the mission and purpose of the church of Jesus Christ;

WHEREAS the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has affirmed the life and work of seven (7) seminaries—Andover Newton, Bangor, Chicago, Eden, Lancaster, Pacific and United—these seminaries having chosen to be "closely related," meaning, they wish to be known as United Church of Christ Seminaries;

WHEREAS the Ninth General Synod recommended a support program for seminaries "closely related" in which responsibility rests upon Conferences and local congregations, which we affirm;

WHEREAS supportive funds for general operating budgets for these seminaries are urgently needed, and it is our desire to affirm the uniqueness of theology, style and stance of our denomination to which these institutions are committed.

THEREFORE the Tenth General Synod

1. encourages Conferences and local churches to become more aware of these seminaries, the heritage of theological education which is ours in the United Church of Christ, and of the acute financial problems which face these institutions in these days; and encourages the seminaries to become more aware of the needs related to the theological training of persons for service in the Conferences and local churches;

2. recommends and urges the closely related seminaries to provide more relevant and significant training and education for ministers of Pacific Islands, Asian and Hispanic ancestries;

3. recommends and urges that local churches adopt the goal of a minimum of two percent (2%) of their current expense budget for basic support of these "closely related" seminaries and requests the Office for Church Life and Leadership with the Conferences and seminaries to develop a functioning program of regional support for the closely related seminaries during the next biennium for report to the Eleventh General Synod;

4. urges the closely related seminaries in conjunction with one another and with the Conferences of the United Church of Christ to assume the responsibilities of promoting this program;

5. the ELEVENTH GENERAL SYNOD is requested to evaluate the effectiveness of this program and the Office for Church Life and Leadership is directed to provide statistical data for the delegates in order that this can be accomplished.

#### 11. OVERTURE ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURE FROM THE OREGON, CENTRAL ATLANTIC, INDIANA-KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW YORK AND VERMONT CONFERENCES

The Moderator recognized Mr. Bredeweg. On behalf of the business committee Mr. Bredeweg referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, p. 230 and moved the adoption of the Executive Council recommendation to concur in the Overture initially received from the Oregon Conference and supported by several other Conferences concerning nominating procedures. Mrs. Barnes was recognized and moved to amend the motion. The amendment was seconded and it was

75-GS-32 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the statement on "Nominating Committee Procedures" as amended.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS the General Synod wishes to assist the General Synod Nominating Committee in its task of submitting qualified candidates for all offices, boards, Instrumentalities and agencies of the United Church of Christ, and

WHEREAS the General Synod recognizes and affirms the role and responsibility of the Conferences in the nominating process, and,

WHEREAS the General Synod desires to insure the widest representation and participation of the total membership of the United Church of Christ;

The Tenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ recommends:

1. The Conferences supply the Nominating Committee with a pool of names of persons who could serve as officers or as members of national agencies;

2. The Nominating Committee utilize this pool of names as a primary source of candidates (cf. ByLaw 182);

3. The Nominating Committee consult the respective Conferences regarding any person proposed for nomination whose name is not in the pool.

#### 12. OVERTURE FROM OHIO CONFERENCE TO AMEND BYLAW 171

The Moderator recognized Mr. Bredeweg. On behalf of the business committee Mr. Bredeweg moved the adoption of the Overture from the Ohio Conference to amend ByLaw