

Overture on the Pacific and Asian Ministries. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. It was

75-GS-45 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the alternate proposal on The Pacific and Asian American Ministries:

**THE PACIFIC AND ASIAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES  
(PAAM)**

**I. Pacific and Asian American Ministries**

As a united and uniting church, concerned about the call of Christ to minister with all persons, this 10th General Synod of the United Church of Christ recognizes Pacific and Asian Ministries (PAAM) as a means by which the United Church of Christ can further its ministry among Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans. By this action, the 10th General Synod celebrates the total heritage of the Christian Faith, thus coming to realize the time when all will share freely in the fellowship of God's grace.

This action is urgent. In the spirit of freedom and unity under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Christians of Pacific Islander and Asian ancestries want to participate more fully in the total life of the United Church of Christ. The United Church of Christ should begin to utilize the insights which Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans can contribute towards the understanding of the Christian faith from their unique history and culture. The United Church of Christ must also begin to address itself to the needs of newly arriving participants in American Society from Asia and the Pacific Basin.

**II. Background**

The Pacific and Asian American Ministries of the United Church of Christ were organized in April 1974, in San Francisco at a National Conference of Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans in the United Church of Christ.

Approximately 135 PAAM churches exist within eight Conferences, which include 114 in Hawaii, fifteen in California and six in the remaining Conferences.

The Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans are the second largest and fastest growing immigrant group in the U.S. They constitute over two million of the United States population.

**III. Representation**

The Tenth General Synod requests the Executive Council to assure Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans fair representation and participation on its various boards and instrumentalities.

**IV. Program Goals of PAAM**

A. To institute programs in leadership development in consultation with the Office for Church Life and Leadership for lay people and ministers to strengthen the life of the local church.

B. To develop communications between and among lay people and ministers of Pacific and Asian American ancestry for mutual learning, support and fellowship.

C. To enable the utilization of PAAM resources by the United Church of Christ and enable PAAM churches to better use existing resources available, i.e. Associations, Conferences, Instrumentalities and other sources.

D. To assist the United Church of Christ in eliminating racism in its politics, educational material, media and publications.

E. To develop the means by which the influence of the United Church of Christ might be brought to bear on special injustices experienced by Pacific and Asian Americans in American society.

F. To assist the United Church of Christ in addressing itself to the misuse of American political, economic and military power in Asia and the Pacific Basin.

G. To develop programs to address the particular needs of immigrants in the United States from Asia and the Pacific Basin.

H. To participate in the bi-centennial celebration as an opportunity to re-tell the unique heritage of Pacific and Asian Americans.

I. To enable the United Church of Christ to discover new forms of evangelism among people of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry.

**V. Ecumenical Involvement**

The Tenth General Synod recommends that where appropriate, program activities be done ecumenically, including a continuing relationship with Asian Center for Theology and Strategies (ACTS).

**VI. Funding**

The Tenth General Synod requests that the Executive Council take the responsibility for funding this proposal through negotiations with United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, United Church Board for World Ministries, Commission for Racial Justice, and Office for Church Life and Leadership in order to provide for adequate staffing and programming for two biennia (four years).

**VII. Evaluation**

The Tenth General Synod directs that the resulting programs be evaluated and that a report and recommendations for continued ministry be made to the Executive Council at the end of two years.

**15. OVERTURES FROM THE OHIO, PENN CENTRAL, PENN WEST AND WISCONSIN CONFERENCES, AND THE PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON PENSION SUPPLEMENTS**

The Moderator recognized Dr. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee Dr. Washburn moved the adoption of the Overtures from the Ohio, Penn Central, Penn West and Wisconsin Conferences, and the Philadelphia Association of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference on Pension Supplements.

Mrs. Breitling was recognized and moved to amend the motion to adopt an alternate proposal to the Overture on Pension Supplements entitled "PENSIONS." The motion was seconded.

The Moderator recognized Thietze Hunt (IL) who moved to amend the motion to delete the figure of \$2700 in the resolved section of the proposal and insert the figure of \$3000. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. Upon being put to a vote the motion was lost. Mr. Hunt also proposed a motion that the date of January 1, 1977 be changed to January 1, 1976. The motion was seconded and upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

The Moderator recognized Theodore Ledbetter (CAC) who referred to the Advance Materials, Section II on page