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to be *proclaimed* by its leadership, *addressed* by its Instrumentalities, *commended* to Conferences, Associations, and local churches for acceptance and action; and the hoped-for results: 1) Increased responsiveness of national Instrumentality to programming concerns of United Church of Christ constituency; 2) Coordinated programming by all elements of the United Church of Christ, addressing issues of vital importance to the whole church; 3) A sense of unity throughout the United Church of Christ constituency; 4) A growing sense of partnership among Executive Council, Instrumentalities, Conferences, Associations and local churches; 5) Responsible stewardship of all resources; 6) Tangible accomplishments that can be evaluated and celebrated.

Mr. Libbey said the intention is that General Synod will give a directive to the Executive Council indicating those issues which will receive *first* attention even though all the issues are vital to the church and will be given consideration in terms of instructions the General Synod has voted to the Executive Council, the National agencies, and the officers of the Church. The issues on the list were determined on the basis of the definition of a Priority and in terms of those areas of concern that relate to the mission program of the Church that could call forth achievable goals and objectives demanding the resources, both persons and money, of the Church.

The Moderator recognized Jay Elshoff (OH) to speak on behalf of the Committee of the Whole that met to discuss the list of issues for Priority Program Designation. Mr. Elshoff said that all the issues are priorities and urged the General Synod to affirm the process to provide guidelines for the Executive Council to implement the actions of the General Synod.

Mr. Libbey was recognized and indicated that the list before the General Synod when approved will be prepared in ballot form with the issues listed alphabetically for the delegates. Mr. Libbey moved to amend the title of one of the issues on the list to read: "Human Sexuality and the Needs of Gay and Bisexual Persons." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted.

It was

75-GS-70 VOTED: The General Synod determines that the list of Issues to be considered for Priority Program Designation be the basis for General Synod Ten Identification of Issues vital to the whole Church:

- Black Church Development and Empowerment
- Challenging Solitary Confinement
- Christian Life Style and Ecology
- Comprehensive Health Care
- Concern for Southern Africa
- Criminal Justice and Penal Reform
- Racial and Economic Justice
- Evangelism
- Human Sexuality and the Needs of Gay and Bisexual Persons
- Local Church Vitality
- Ministries with Pacific and Asian Americans
- Ministries with Hispanic Americans
- Ministries with Native Americans
- Native American Treaty Rights
- Nature of Ministry to Military Personnel
- Need for Military Justice
- Pension Supplements
- Preservation of Church's Traditions and Records

- Quality Care for Older Persons
- Reclaiming Christian Education
- Relations with Indo-China in the Post War Period
- Role of Transnational Business
- Search for Faith
- Stewardship
- Support of Theological Education
- The Church and the Bicentennial
- Women in Church and Society
- World Food Crisis

7. COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY

The Moderator recognized Dr. John L. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee, Dr. Washburn referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, pp. 19-20, to the Executive Council recommendation on the Council for American Indian Ministry, indicating that action on this matter had been deferred from an earlier session of the General Synod and moved the adoption of the recommendation. The motion was seconded.

The Moderator recognized Anita Ullman of the business committee who moved to amend the motion by deleting the phrase in paragraph 3 of the recommendations: "and that the Strategy Assessment Team be charged with recommending long range financing for an American Indian Ministry for the Eleventh General Synod." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was lost.

The Moderator recognized Marvin Albright (MO) who moved to amend the motion by the addition of a paragraph 6 at the end of the recommendations:

"That the Tenth General Synod affirms justice for native Americans in the courts; that it reaffirms the action of the General Synod in establishing the Council for American Indian Ministry; that it affirms the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry as an agency of healing and reconciliation among all concerned parties; and that it urges the churches, Associations, and Conferences to undergird the activities of the Council for American Indian Ministry with continued financial support through the American Indian Sunday offerings, or its successor."

The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted. It was

75-GS-71 VOTED: The General Synod adopts as amended the recommendations of the Council for American Indian Ministry anticipating a report of the Strategy Assessment Team to be made to the Eleventh General Synod:

1. For the 1975-77 biennium, the Council for American Indian Ministry continues to be the principal agency for allocating resources to American Indian programs for the United Church of Christ.
2. The Executive Council continues through the 1975-77 biennium to grant advisory membership to two Council for American Indian Ministries representatives, and requests the Strategy Assessment Team to recommend long term policy regarding American Indian representatives to the Executive Council for the Eleventh General Synod.
3. The General Synod ratifies the agreement made to include the Council for American Indian Ministry in the Neighbors in Need offering, and the Strategy Assessment Team is requested to recommend long

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range financing for an American Indian Ministry for the Eleventh General Synod.

4. The Council for American Indian Ministry continues in its present structure for the biennium as a Council related to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, with liaison representation meeting with Council for American Indian Ministry from the Board of Homeland Ministries.
5. The need for increased Indian representation in the employment and leadership positions of the United Church of Christ be raised before the Church by the Executive Council.
6. The Tenth General Synod affirms justice for native Americans in the courts; it reaffirms the action of General Synod in establishing the Council for American Indian Ministry; it affirms the work of CAIM as an agency of healing and reconciliation among all concerned parties; and it urges the churches, associations, and conferences to undergird the activities of CAIM with continued financial support through the American Indian Sunday offerings, or its successor.

8. CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT—HISTORICAL COUNCIL

The Moderator recognized Mr. Chester Eaton. On behalf of the business committee, Mr. Eaton referred the delegates to the document dated April 25, 1975, "proposals of the Executive Council to the Tenth General Synod for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws" mailed to the delegates and to two other documents of information distributed to the delegates and moved the adoption of the substitute recommendation to amend the Bylaws to establish the Historical Council. The motion was seconded. There was discussion.

It was

75-GS-72 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod amends the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ by insertion of a new paragraph and a caption:

HISTORICAL COUNCIL

000 The Historical Council shall be composed of twelve members, three elected by each of the Historical Societies, Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed, and six at-large appointed by the Executive Council. One-third shall be named each biennium for a six year term, to serve until their respective successors are named and qualified, none to serve more than two full terms consecutively. The Executive Council shall name from these members the chairperson. The Council shall meet at the call of the President or the Chairperson. It shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and the Executive Council and shall assist the President and the Executive Council in overseeing the three archives, in recommending the amount to be allocated in the contributions budget for the Historical Societies, and in reminding the United Church of Christ of its traditions. The Council shall receive financial support through the Executive Council and staff support as assigned by the President.

9. THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND ECUMENICAL STUDY AND SERVICE DISCHARGED

The Moderator recognized Mr. Eaton. On behalf of the business committee, Mr. Eaton moved the General Synod

discharge the Commission on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Study and Service. The motion was seconded. It was

75-GS-73 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod, in view of the creation of a Council for Ecumenism, discharges the Commission on Christian Unity and Ecumenical Study and Service, and expresses appreciation to all who have served on the Commission.

10. THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION DISCHARGED

The Moderator recognized Mr. Eaton. On behalf of the business committee, Mr. Eaton moved the General Synod discharge the Historical Commission. The motion was seconded. It was

75-GS-74 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod, in view of the creation of a Historical Council, discharges the Historical Commission, and expresses gratitude to all who have served on the Commission.

11. BYLAWS AMENDED TO CREATE ARTICLE V. COUNCILS

The Moderator recognized Mr. Eaton. On behalf of the business committee, Mr. Eaton moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Executive Council to amend the Bylaws to create a new Article V. COUNCILS. The motion was seconded. It was

75-GS-75 VOTED: The Tenth General Synod amends the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ by creating a new ARTICLE V. COUNCILS to include in the following sequence the two new paragraphs for Council for Ecumenism and Historical Council, and the present Bylaw paragraphs 211, 212, 213, 214, 209 and 210.

12. CLARIFICATION OF SUNDAY, JUNE 29 OFFERING

The Moderator recognized Dr. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee, Dr. Washburn reported in response to the request of delegates the following clarification of the purpose of the offering made at the Sunday morning, June 29 service of worship: "According to the program for Sunday morning, the offering is to be 'used to implement the program on world hunger.' The program referred to is the program on World Hunger voted by this General Synod. The offering will be allocated by the Executive Council for programs consonant with the goals set forth in the proposals for action and developed by the interim staff working group. The offering totalled \$6,995.69 and additional contributions enabled the total to exceed \$7,000.

13. ELECTIONS

The moderator recognized Secretary Evans who explained the voting procedures for electing the three classes for the Office for Church in Society; one person each for the clergy and laypersons categories of the Nominating Committee, Class of 1981, and one person for each of the clergy and laymen categories of the Office of Communication, Class of 1981. The ballots were distributed, marked by the delegates, and collected by the Tellers.

14. PRESENTATION COMMEMORATING THE FIRST COMMUNION AT THE FALKNER SWAMP REFORMED CHURCH

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Gary Hauze and Ms. Vivian Keebler of the Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ. Mr. Hauze made a presentation to the Moderator and President of the Church: