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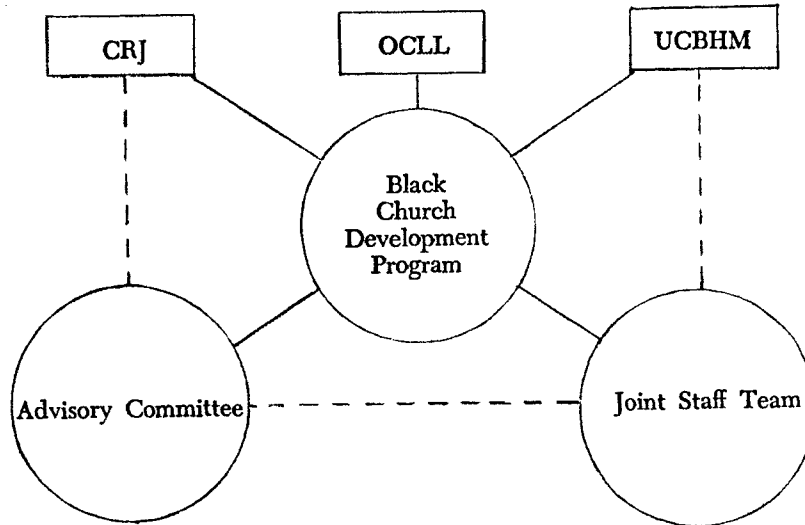
6. To establish a leadership training program for laity within the UCC.

enable and empower churches to plan, develop and implement their mission objectives.

IV. Program Development

1. To provide resources to local churches which would

We further propose that the foregoing goals and objectives be developed and implemented through the following collaborative organization scheme:



The following functions are to be assumed by the various parts of the organizational chart above:

The motion was seconded. Mrs. Breitling was recognized and moved to amend the motion to adopt an alternative statement on Reclaiming Christian Education as a Major Concern in the United Church of Christ. The motion was seconded.

1. *National Agency Partners*
 - Policy Setting
 - Budget Authorization
 - Name Advisory Committee Representatives
2. *National Agency Executives*
 - Elect and/or name a Program Coordinator and personnel for the Joint Staff Team
 - Staff supervision
3. *Advisory Committee* (3 persons from each Agency including chief executive)
 - Recommends policy and program
 - Critiques and evaluates program
 - Recommends budget
4. *Joint Staff Team*
 - Develops program
 - Develops implementation strategies
 - Implements policy and program
5. *Coordinator*
 - Staffs the Black Church Development Program
 - Coordinates the program and work of the Staff Team
 - Resources the Advisory Committee, Staff Team, and Agency Executives
 - Facilitates the implementation of policy and program
 - Chairs meeting of the Staff Team
 - Manages joint budget

The Moderator recognized Raymond L. Morris (NY) who moved to amend the motion to adopt an alternative statement on Reclaiming Christian Education as a major concern in the United Church of Christ by deleting the second sentence in the preamble and substituting the sentence, "It calls upon the Board for Homeland Ministries specifically, and the United Church of Christ in general, to collaborate with local congregations, Associations and Conferences to develop the resources and leadership through which this concern may be implemented." The motion was seconded. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted. It was

75-GS-92 VOTED: The General Synod adopts as amended the alternative statement on Reclaiming Christian Education as a Major Concern in the Life of the United Church of Christ:

RECLAIMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS A MAJOR CONCERN IN THE LIFE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Tenth General Synod affirms that Christian Education is a matter of the highest concern in the next biennium. It calls upon the Board for Homeland Ministries specifically, and the United Church of Christ in general to collaborate with local congregations, Associations and Conferences to develop the resources and leadership through which this concern may be implemented. Included in the implementation should be the following components:

33. RECLAIMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS A MAJOR CONCERN IN THE LIFE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Moderator recognized Dr. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee, Dr. Washburn referred the delegates to the Resolution on Reclaiming Christian Education as a Major Concern in the Life of the United Church of Christ submitted as new business and moved its adoption.

1. Training leaders;
2. Making available resources for local Christian Education leadership;

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3. Assisting local congregations in assessing program options including the Joint Education Development "Shared Approaches";
4. Developing resources to enhance the understanding of membership in the United Church of Christ;
5. Strengthening and enhancing the outdoor educational ministry throughout the United Church of Christ;
6. Developing resources and programs for family life education which take into account diverse family life situations, and the needs of increasing number of single persons in the local church;
7. Assessing personnel needs in regard to Christian Education.

34. RESOLUTION ON VOLUNTARY PRAYER

The Moderator recognized Dr. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee, Dr. Washburn moved the adoption of the Resolution on Voluntary Prayer submitted as new business. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Breitling was recognized and moved to amend the motion that inasmuch as this resolution was given no elucidation or support in the Division and small group by its proponents, the resolution not be affirmed.

"RESOLUTION ON VOLUNTARY PRAYER

"WHEREAS the founding principles of the United States of America were largely influenced by Greco-Roman concepts of law and the Judeo-Christian faith; and

"WHEREAS the founding fathers of the United States believed that the Republic they were establishing was to be supported by religion, education and government of the people and by the people and for the people; and

"WHEREAS the founders of the Republic separated church and state—nevertheless they recognized the Creator as the source of their inalienable rights; and

"WHEREAS recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court create confusion among Public School Boards in which some interpret the decisions of the Court as discriminating against any form of prayer in the public schools while others interpret the decisions of the Court as permitting those prayers not written by employees of the public schools; and

"WHEREAS inconsistency exists in the use or non-use of prayer in government agencies—the Supreme Court, the House of Representatives and the Senate initiating their sessions with prayer—although a classroom of public school children and teachers may not celebrate the same privilege;

"THEREFORE, be it resolved that this confusion and inconsistency be cleared by adding an amendment to the Constitution of the United States stating that nothing contained in this Constitution shall prohibit the several States and the District constituting the seat of government of the United States from providing for voluntary prayer in the public schools of that jurisdiction, nor shall it abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled in any public hearing to participate in voluntary prayer."

The motion was seconded. There was discussion.

It was

75-GS-93 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the recommendation that the Resolution on Voluntary Prayer not be affirmed.

This concluded the report of Division A.

35. CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF DIVISION F, "THE CHURCH AND WORLD ISSUES—RESOLUTION ON RELATIONS WITH INDO-CHINA"

The Moderator recognized Dr. Washburn. On behalf of the business committee, Dr. Washburn moved the adoption of the Resolution on Relations with Indo-China in the Post-War Period submitted by the Michigan Conference. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Janice White, chairperson of the Division, was recognized and moved to amend the motion to adopt an alternative resolution on Relations with Indo-China in the Post-War Period. The motion was seconded.

It was

75-GS-94 VOTED: The General Synod adopts the alternative resolution on Relations with Indo-China in the Post-War Period:

RELATIONS WITH INDO-CHINA IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD

WHEREAS the Church has been called to be one of God's instruments of reconciliation and healing and;

WHEREAS the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and its national Instrumentalities and Conferences have striven throughout the Indo-China War for a negotiated, just and durable peace throughout South East Asia;

WHEREAS the immense sufferings and needs of the several peoples of Indo-China call for the sympathetic assistance of people of good will everywhere;

WHEREAS the political authorities in Vietnam and Laos have publicly stated that they are willing to accept international humanitarian and economic aid, and those in power in Cambodia may at some point adopt a similar position;

WHEREAS many members of the United Church of Christ, in common with other United States citizens, have desired peace and justice in Indo-China and now wish to respond generously to the requests for rehabilitation, reconstruction and economic help which Indo-Chinese political leaders and private groups have made;

WHEREAS the present policy of our government prevents the Church, the Board for World Ministries and individuals from being about the ministry of reconciliation and healing in Indo-China;

The General Synod calls upon members, churches, Associations, Conferences and national Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to communicate to the President of the United States and the Congress that the United States policy toward the several governments now in power in Indo-China be one of consistent good-will, i.e., removing them from the "Trading with the Enemy Act" interdictions, channeling humanitarian aid to Indo-China through United Nations agencies such as UNICEF, eliminating passport restrictions on the travel of U.S. citizens in Indo-China; and offering aid for reconstruction and rehabilitation; and urges the people and organizations of the United Church of Christ to intensify their Christ-given ministry of healing and reconciliation by:

- a) responding eagerly to the appeal by the World Council of Churches and Church World Service for contributions to the Ecumenical Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indo-China;
- b) communicating through the United Church Board for World Ministries to religious communities in