

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 4

funds.) Mr. Freeman noted the division had endorsed the resolution by a vote of 102-1.

Jose Morales of the Hispanic Council expressed his group's appreciation for this resolution's fidelity to their concerns. He noted four new churches in Chicago; three proposed Churches-In-Transistion; and new church starts projected in Los Angeles, Miami and California. There are 18-20 million Hispanics in the United States, but only 12 United Church of Christ Hispanic churches. There are 55 churches in Puerto Rico, indicating willingness of Hispanics to join the United Church of Christ.

It was

77-GS-60 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution Concerning Hispanic Ministries."

Resolution Concerning Hispanic Ministries

WHEREAS, The Tenth General Synod took action affirming the importance of Hispanic concerns and requested the Executive Council to negotiate the release of financial and human resources toward the implementation of these concerns;

WHEREAS, There have been, in the ensuing biennium, some actions on the part of the Executive Council and the Instrumentalities, implementing in part these concerns but leaving much to be done for the accomplishment of the goals affirmed by the Tenth General Synod;

WHEREAS, The Council for Hispanic Ministries of the United Church of Christ in the U.S.A. now exists with a program that could help to enrich the Hispanic Community and bring new vitality to the United Church of Christ;

WHEREAS, The Council for Hispanic Ministries has felt hampered in its ability to meet and function in the form of a declaration of priorities concerning Church Development, Education, Leadership development and Social Action; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ

1. Reaffirms the action of the Tenth General Synod and recommends the implementation of the priorities of the Council for Hispanic Ministries.
2. Urges the President of the United Church of Christ to appoint representatives from the Council for Hispanic Ministries, as well as other minority groups, to the Commission for Racial Justice.
3. Urges the President of the United Church of Christ to convene a consultation of officers of the Council for Hispanic Ministries and other minority groups and representatives from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the United Church Board for World Ministries, the Office for Church in Society, the Office for Church Life and Leadership, and the Commission for Racial Justice to develop a communication network and funding formula, as recommended by the Executive Council on June 30, 1977.
4. Requests the Executive Council to be responsible to insure the implementation of the above goals with provisions for their monitoring and periodic eval-

uation, and to report on the progress of the above directives to the Twelfth General Synod; and

5. Encourages national Instrumentalities, Conferences, Associations, local congregations and individuals to support and implement these concerns.

4. RESOLUTION ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Mr. Miller referred to page 2 of the Division A Report and moved adoption of this resolution. This was seconded and he deferred to Harriet McGeehan, (PNE). She stated this was the time for the United Church of Christ to address this issue in the light of its ongoing commitment to justice and liberation. Ms. McGeehan noted conservative groups riding the crest of the neo-conservatism sweeping the nation, have been fighting the ERA with questionable tactics. The United Church of Christ is on record as pro-ERA, and action in a meaningful way is needed. There was discussion, the Moderator asked the body's will and it was

77-GS-61 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution on the Equal Rights Amendment."

Resolution on the Equal Rights Amendment

WHEREAS, The 10th General Synod of the United Church of Christ adopted a resolution urging ratification of the Federal Equal Rights Amendment and;

WHEREAS, Ratification by an additional three states is necessary before March 1979 in order for the Amendment to become law.

RESOLVED, That the 11th General Synod of the United Church of Christ:

1. commends those states which have already ratified the ERA and all those working for ratification and urges the other 15 states* to ratify the ERA as soon as possible;
2. directs its committees, the Executive Council and its committees, and urges national instrumentalities and agencies to plan to hold national meetings only in those states which have ratified the ERA until the ERA is ratified or until March 1979 whichever is earlier;
3. directs that this action be conveyed to (a) the governors of those states which have ratified the ERA; and (b) to the governors, state legislators, chambers of commerce, convention bureaus, mayors' associations and hotel and restaurant associations in those states which have not ratified the ERA; and (c) to the church and secular press.

*Ala., Az., Ark., Fla., Ga., Ill., La., Miss., Mo., Nev., N.C., Okla., S.C., Utah, Va.

5. RESOLUTION: TO RECLAIM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THE BLACK PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Miller referred to page 3 of the Division A Report, noting sources for this resolution: Advance Materials, II, pp. 135-136; and BHM's "Report on Reclaiming Christian Education for the Eleventh General Synod," pp. 80-81 of