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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

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the same resource. Mr. Miller moved adoption of this resolution, it was seconded and he asked James Bell, Illinois South, to speak on it.

Mr. Bell stated his small group had dealt with two documents, one coming jointly from United Black Christians, Ministers for Racial and Social Justice and Black National Staff, with recommendation from the Executive Council. Jane Ellison Kluck, (NEB), offered a substitute amendment for the second "Resolved," 2. This seconded, discussion followed, it was

77-GS-62a VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod substitutes the following amendment for the second "Resolved," 2, of the "Resolution: To Reclaim Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective":

2 Calls upon the BHM, working with *the racial/ethnic caucuses* and the Advisory Commission on Women in Church and Society, and with other instrumentalities, to work at eliminating racial, ethnic, and sex role stereotypes in educational program and to develop educational approaches which enhance the full development of persons free from sterotype."

John Woerner, (CONN), offered a friendly amendment to the fifth "Resolved." This was seconded, discussion followed, and it was

77-GS-62b VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod amends the fifth "Resolved," "Resolution: To Reclaim Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective," by substitution of the following text:

"RESOLVED, That regarding *Christian Education Leadership*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

1. Affirms the UCC Educational Leadership Strategy which is jointly developed by the conferences and DECEE, and urges conferences, associations and local churches to participate fully in the leadership strategy including the planning process;

2. Strongly urges the Division of Evangelism, Church Extension and Education, in collaboration and/or consultation with the Association of United Church Educators, the Office for Church Life and Leadership, seminaries, conferences and associations, to begin to provide professionally trained church educational leadership to *all* our churches by:

- a. Exploring and developing additional methods and models for securing, deploying and effectively using professional church educators;
- b. Provide guidelines for churches in developing cooperative church education leadership styles (e.g. use of church education consultants or trainers with cluster of churches, educational circuit riders, etc.);
- c. Assist in the reorienting and training of professional church educators to new occupational requirements.

Scott B. Martin, (FLA), offered a friendly amendment for the seventh "Resolve," Joanne LaHue, Connecticut asked Mr. Martin for the financial implications of his

amendment, he stated there were none, and it was seconded. It was

77-GS-62c VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod amends the seventh "Resolved," "Resolution: To Reclaim Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective," by substitution of the following text:

following "urges": ". . . increased emphasis of Outdoor Ministry as a valuable arm of the church's ministry, and as a vital resource to the church's Christian Education efforts. Further, that BHM and the Outdoor Ministry Committee be utilized to implement the Outdoor Ministries philosophy statement."

Kenneth Brookes, (ME), offered a friendly amendment to change the title of the resolution to "To Reclaim Christian Education with Attention to Special Interests." This was seconded, there was discussion, and upon vote, the motion was lost.

Edwin Edmonds, Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, commented that broadening the scope of persons affected in this resolution would involve severe financial budget implications. He was concerned also that this resolution, affecting some neglected areas of church education, would be endangered if delegates were not given some idea of financial scope. Percel Alston, Coordinator of the Joint Black Church Development Program, offered to have this information before delegates in an hour's time.

Richard Rush, (CONN), moved that the entire resolution be sent back to the Division. The motion was seconded, and it was

77-GS-62d VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod asks the "Resolution: Reclaiming Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective," be sent back to Division A, to be resubmitted to this Synod, with specific financial figures for all major components therein.

Jerome Storm, (ME), offered an enabling motion: "All future motions at the Eleventh General Synod must have, as a part of the main motion, a specific statement concerning financial implications. Where no expenditure is anticipated, a statement to that effect must be included." This was seconded, and Mr. Storm explained it as an attempt for consistency in presentation of all resolutions. Moderator Nace read Standing Rule 16, observing that where no reference to financial implications was contained in upcoming resolutions, he would assume there were none. There was further discussion, and upon vote the motion was lost.

It was moved that the body remove the resolution from the table. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, and it was

77-GS-62e VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod removes the "Resolution: Reclaiming Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective" from the table.

Moderator Nace acknowledged Mr. Miller, who deferred to Mr. Alston. Mr. Alston clarified that the financial costs for implementation of the resolution would be \$35,000. (Figure provided in accordance with Standing Rule 16, and does not guarantee funding.) H. Daehler Hayes, (PSE), stated that with this information, he moved

the previous question. The motion was seconded and the Moderator declared debate close. It was

77-GS-62 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution: Reclaiming Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective," as amended.

Resolution: To Reclaim Christian Education with Specific Attention to the Black Perspective

WHEREAS, In everything it does the church teaches somebody something by its life style, the way budget is spent, the life of groups, corporate worship and its presence in the community.

WHEREAS, The priority on "Reclaiming Christian Education" has focused the efforts of the United Church of Christ over the last two years toward improvement of this vital ministry.

WHEREAS, A number of critical challenges face the United Church of Christ in the immediate years ahead in the area of Christian education.

WHEREAS, The needs of 70,000 Black children, youth and adults in our churches are for educational materials appropriate to those needs.

WHEREAS, An effort should be made to collate and develop educational materials from the Black perspective and to provide training in the utilization of the materials.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Black Christian Education*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, calls on the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to give major attention to Black Christian Education during the next biennium by:

1. Assessing where we are in Black Church Education
2. Developing hard research data with respect to the particular church education needs of UCC Black churches
3. Exploring with the United Presbyterians the feasibility and desirability of joining them in their current Black Church Education Curriculum Project.

Instructs the Executive Council and calls upon the BHM to adequately provide for the allocation of staff and funds to pursue this priority each year during the biennium.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Inclusive Christian Education*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ.

1. Calls upon the BHM, in concert with the ethnic caucuses and the Advisory Commission on Women in Church and Society, to provide educational resources and approaches for congregational use which reflects the diverse gifts and perspectives represented by these groups within the UCC;

2. Calls upon the BHM, working with the racial/ethnic caucuses and the Advisory Commission on Women in Church and Society, and with other instrumentalities, to work at eliminating racial, ethnic, and sex role stereotypes in educational program and to develop educational approaches which enhance the full development of persons free from stereotype."

RESOLVED, That regarding *Christian Education: Shared Approach*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, notes with approval the progress made

in the development of Christian Education Shared Approaches by the BHM in cooperation with thirteen other denominations, and reaffirms its support of the project given at the 10th General Synod.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Confirmation*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, urges the Board for Homeland Ministries to proceed with appropriate measures to service the needs identified by its recent survey of confirmation practices, and commends the BHM for its attention to confirmation concerns in the UCC.

"RESOLVED, That regarding *Christian Education Leadership*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ,

1. Affirms the UCC Educational Leadership Strategy, which is jointly developed by the conferences and DECEE, and urges conferences, associations and local churches to participate fully in the leadership strategy including the planning process;

2. Strongly urges the Division of Evangelism, Church Extension and Education, in collaboration and/or consultation with the Association of United Church Educators, the Office for Church Life and Leadership, seminaries, conferences and associations, to begin to provide professionally trained church educational leadership to all our churches by:

- a. Exploring and developing additional methods and models for securing, deploying and effectively using professional church educators;
- b. Provide guidelines for churches in developing cooperative church education leadership styles (e.g. use of church education consultants or trainers with cluster of churches, educational circuit riders, etc.);
- c. Assist in the reorienting and training of professional church educators to new occupational requirements.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Youth*, The Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ,

1. Urges staffing to meet youth needs;
2. Continue support of *Youth* magazine and *Youth Plus* as educational resources and notes with gratitude the value of *Youth* as one of the most useful confirmation resources;
3. Supports the participation in the regional JED Youth Ministry Leadership training events; and
4. Commends the BHM for hiring a youth associate to address the needs of youth ministry (eg. resourcing conference youth programs, workshops and leadership training).

RESOLVED, That regarding *Outdoor Ministry*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, urges increased emphasis of Outdoor Ministry as a valuable arm of the church's ministry, and as a vital resource to the church's Christian Education efforts. Further, that BHM and the Outdoor Ministry Committee be utilized to implement the Outdoor Ministries philosophy statement."

RESOLVED, That regarding *Child Advocacy*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, endorses the International Year of the Child, 1979, as

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declared by the United Nations and urges instrumentalities, agencies, conferences, associations and congregations to support its goals by examining and fulfilling their role as advocates for children.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Intergenerational Education*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, encourages the congregations of the UCC, assisted by the conferences, associations and instrumentalities, to explore and experiment with intentional intergenerational experiences for the purpose of education, worship, fellowship and/or decision-making. Because each congregation includes all ages, the church is in a unique situation to provide intergenerational experiences which celebrate the gifts of each person, regardless of age.

RESOLVED, That regarding *Adult Education*, the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ, urges the BHM to research the adult educational needs of small churches during the biennium and plan to provide appropriate educational material.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO THE HUMAN SEXUALITY STUDY

It was moved that the Synod change the order of business to insure deliberation on the important issue of Human Sexuality. This was seconded, there was no discussion, and it was

77-GS-63 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod changes the order of business of Division A, and deal with "Recommendations in Regard to the Human Sexuality Study."

Moderator Nace called a short break in the proceedings.

The Moderator again acknowledged Mr. Miller, who referred to page 7 of the Division A Report. He noted the Division had dealt with this matter in two small groups, insuring total Division input into the 18 recommendations therein. Mr. Miller moved for acceptance of the Division A Report, "Recommendations in Regard to the Human Sexuality Study," deferring to Cheryl Clark, Nebraska. Ms. Clark read a portion of the Tenth General Synod Minutes authorizing this study (4.B, second paragraph). The Division as a whole felt these Recommendations were faithful to the action of that Synod, in providing for an extensive resource to help people at all church levels in guidance and counselling.

J. Richard Coyle, (PW), offered an amendment to Section 18 of the Recommendations, deleting the clause reading "recognizes the rights of adults to access to sexually explicit materials." The motion was seconded, and Mr. Coyle commented that this phrase in juxtaposition with the preceding one, seemed to say the UCC was advocating pornography. Local churches would have difficulty with this section, and First Amendment guarantees would be covered in the succeeding phrase. There was much discussion, centering upon protection of First Amendment rights, and affirming free choice in reading of materials. Upon vote, the motion was lost.

Georgann Hilbert, (OHIO), proposed an amendment to Section 15 of the Recommendations. This was seconded, and it was

77-GS-64a; VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod

amends Section 15 of the "Recommendations in Regard to the Human Sexuality Study" by insertion of the word "congregations," between the word "the" and "associations."

Kenneth Brookes, (ME), moved that the Recommendations be amended by deletion of recommendations 2 through 18. This was seconded, and Mr. Brookes offered that if the process outlined in Section 1 was allowed to work, local churches would perhaps be more welcoming to the Recommendations.

Moderator Nace noted that the agenda time allotted to Division A had elapsed, and acknowledged Chester Eaton, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee. That committee sensed the intense interest in the issue before the body; and in order that other Divisions might have full, uninterrupted agenda for their reports, the Agenda Committee was recommending the following schedule adjustments:

Division G Report — 8:35 A.M., Tuesday, July 5

Division E Report — 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, July 5

Division A Report to continue at this session.

Discussion on the Brookes' amendment continued, a vote was taken, and the motion was lost.

Barbara Weller, (PSE), offered an amendment to follow 1, of the Recommendations, to be numbered 2., thereby renumbering all subsequent items: "2. Receives the statement, *Thoughts on Human Sexuality*, by Martin Duffy and recommends that it be attached as an addendum to the *Human Sexuality Report* when it is transmitted to congregations, associations, conferences, and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ for study and response; and that it be used along with the Report for further study of this issue by appropriate groups."

The motion was seconded and discussed. Mr. Miller said that the Duffy statement came from the Thursday, June 30 open hearing on this issue. Upon vote, the motion was declared lost. Ms. Weller asked a call for division of the house, delegates stood for a vote count, and Moderator Nace again declared the motion lost.

Mary Jo Romberger, (PSE), proposed an amendment to Section 3 of the Recommendations: Delete the final period and continue . . . "and develop an annotated bibliography of sources reflecting more traditional viewpoints on the whole issue of human sexuality to be distributed with the Preliminary Report." The motion was seconded, debated, and upon vote, was declared lost.

Walter Brueggemann, (MO), spoke in favor of the main motion, especially recommendation 14, as a "sound and mature advance." He moved to substitute the word "metaphors" for "images" in that section. The motion was seconded, and Mr. Brueggemann explained that the church needs a new repertory of symbolistic terminology. The Bible forbids "images" and "metaphors" would afford an openness and freedom in the concept people have of God. It was

77-GS-64b VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod substitutes the word "metaphors" in lieu of the word "images" in Recommendation 14 of the "Recommendations in Regard to the Human Sexuality Study."

Harold Henning, Penn Southeast, proposed an amend-