

RESOLVED, That the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ reaffirm the God-given right of all persons to useful and remunerative work, together with the responsibility to provide for themselves and their dependents, and that it therefore also do the following:

1. Call on all Americans to recognize this right and this responsibility and to reflect on their meaning and implications for the future of the family, neighborhood, city, countryside and nation.

2. Call on the federal, state, and local governments together with industry, business, labor and the unemployed to formulate and implement policies and programs to achieve full employment.

3. Call on all congregations, associations, conferences, and agencies of the church to commit themselves to prayer and bible study, discussion and action which will raise the principles of this pronouncement to consciousness and implementation; and sponsor seminars, workshops and conferences to actively engage representatives of government, industry, business, labor, the unemployed, agriculture and civic groups in cooperative development of forms of work that will be viable in the future.

4. Instruct the Executive Council to make these principles and the working out of their implications a high concern (top priority) of the denomination.

5. Instruct the Executive Council to implement this priority by:

A. Requesting the Board for Homeland Ministries to administer the program envisioned by the General Synod and to appoint an advisory committee representative of other instrumentalities and agencies of the church including the Office for Church in Society, the Office of Church Life and Leadership, the Commission on Racial Justice, and representatives of the broader society;

B. Allocating \$100,000* annually for the bienium to carry out the program;

C. Requesting the Board for Homeland Ministries report in the Twelfth General Synod, on the work accomplished by the churches, associations, Conferences and agencies.

6. Instruct the president of the United Church of Christ to communicate this pronouncement to the President of the United States, in person, and also to communicate it to the Congress, to the National Council of Churches and its member communions.

7. Request each conference to communicate this pronouncement to its federal, state and local elected officials.

5. OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM

The Chairperson then moved the resolution "Concerning Our Economic System" in material distributed, which replaced Advance Materials, Section II, p. 124, and called on Rebecca Wyant, (PW), to speak to the Resolution. It was seconded and

77-GS-67 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the resolution "Concerning Our Economic System."

*This figure is in accordance with Standing Rule 16 and not a guarantee for funding.

Concerning Our Economic System

WHEREAS the American free enterprise system has served the needs of many American people and for this we of the UCC gathered in this Eleventh General Synod are grateful; and

WHEREAS we are aware that there are problems in our system which we need to address; many among us still live in economic need, lacking a job, decent housing, adequate food, good health care and educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, our concern as Christians is that any economic system meets the needs of people; and

WHEREAS, the UCC Consumer Protection Program developed under Neighbors in Need funding has proven to be an effective way to enable individuals to participate wisely in our economic system;

RESOLVED, That we affirm and support those aspects of our economic system which meet the needs of people and call for changes whenever those needs are not being met;

And be it further resolved, that we call upon the Eleventh General Synod to continue funding the Consumer Protection Program.

It was noted in accordance with Standing Rule 16 that a cost estimate for two years was \$110,000.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RUMANIA, PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA.

Ms. Skinner moved a "Resolution on Human Rights with Special Emphasis on Rumania, Philippines and South Korea." This resolution combines Human Rights and Overtures on Rumania, South Korea and Philippines and does not appear in the Advance Materials. It was seconded and it was

77-GS-68 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution on Human Rights with Special Emphasis on Rumania, Philippines and South Korea.

A Resolution on Human Rights with Special Emphasis on Rumania, Philippines and South Korea

(combining Resolution on Human Rights and overtures on Rumania, South Korea and Philippines)

THEOLOGICAL PROLOGUE

Respect for Human rights lies at the very heart of our Christian Faith. All persons are created in the image of God and are endowed with the freedom to mirror in their relationship to God, neighbor, nature, and society the divine intention for a harmony of love, justice and peace.

In Jesus of Nazareth, God appeared among us as a fellow-human being to live, die and rise again as One totally for others. We regard his life as God's supreme demonstration for us of what it means to be human. We also discern in it the inestimable dignity of our common humanity as God's favored dwelling place.

His death was no accident. It was the price he paid for defending the rights of the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the ones who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for the sake of justice. So great was his regard for the sanctity of all human life that