

the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ . . . to read "RESOLVED That the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ . . ."

The discussion was brought to a close and it was

77-GS-84 VOTED: That the Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution on Synod Frequency" as amended.

WHEREAS, The biennial meeting of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has proven to be a viable vehicle for resourcing the whole church, enabling and educating the total ministry, enriching the fellowship, and coming to terms with the issues of the day;

WHEREAS, the cost of the study proposed by Executive Council would be enormous, raising questions about the responsible stewardship of our monies, time, staff and abilities.

WHEREAS, the possibility of conversations with a denomination which meets biennially are imminent.

WHEREAS, there is always a call for the church to be open to the new moment which may be now and to the voices speaking in that moment, and

WHEREAS, there is the ever emerging and continuing need for a flow of conversation between the national agencies and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ, its Conferences and local churches.

RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ continue to meet biennially as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ.

#### 9. RESOLUTION ON FAMILY LIFE

Mr. Miller was again recognized by the Moderator and moved the adoption of the Resolution on Family Life and referred the delegates to the Advance Material, Section II, page 91-92. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. Richard Bailar, (FL), was recognized by Mr. Miller to speak to the resolution on behalf of Division A.

John H. Krueger, (I-K), moved an amendment to the resolution to delete item three in the resolved section of the resolution and that the remaining sentences be renumbered accordingly.

Delete: 3. Conduct a comprehensive, scientific study to learn how UCC families compare with the general sociological patterns in our society;"

The motion was seconded and there was discussion and it was

77-GS-85a VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod deletes item #3 from the "Resolution on Family Life."

The discussion on this issue was brought to a close and it was

77-GS-85 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution on Family Life" as amended.

#### Resolution on Family Life

WHEREAS, the 11th General Synod of the United Church of Christ receives with appreciation the Report on Family life submitted by the BHM and found on pages 91 and 92 of Section II of the Advance Materials and;

WHEREAS, recognizing the diverse life styles in our nation and church, and;

WHEREAS, hearing the plea from many in the church for family life resource materials, therefore be it

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

1. Join all U.C.C. bodies in addressing the issues of family life from the Biblical-theological perspectives of covenantal relationships;
2. Establish a research-resource center within the BHM for studying, developing, disseminating information and materials, and providing leadership personnel to the UCC constituent churches and judicatories;
3. Consult with other agencies, especially those of the UCC, which are developing educational resources, and correlate preparation of family-life materials;
4. Form a coalition of all UCC bodies and concerned citizens to initiate changes in social, governmental, and economic conditions which are destructive to family and community life.

This brought the Report of Division A to a close. Mr. Miller thanked the delegates of the General Synod for their actions on these issues.

#### 10. HEALTH CARE IN BLACK COMMUNITIES

Franklin Thomas, Chairperson of Division B, was recognized by the Moderator and moved that the resolution on "Health Care in Black Communities" be removed from the table. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote it was carried. Mr. Thomas again referred the delegates to the Advance Materials, Section II, pages 131-134. He then deferred the discussion to Walter Anders, (FL), who proposed a substitute resolution on Health Care in Black Communities. The motion was seconded and there was discussion. Marvin Morgan of the Business Committee was recognized by the Moderator and indicated that the financial implications for this resolution were estimated to be approximately \$10,000.

A motion was made and seconded to refer this substitute resolution on "Health Care in Black Communities" to the Executive Council for further study. There was discussion and upon being put to a vote the motion was defeated.

The discussion on the substitute resolution was brought to a close and it was

77-GS-86 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the substitute resolution "Health Care in Black Communities."

#### Resolution on Health Care in Black Communities

WHEREAS, Black oriented health care institutions serving poor and indigent people of the inner city and rural America (including those related organically to the United Church of Christ) is a critical need requiring special ministry;

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WHEREAS, such institutions are in a state of extreme crisis and many face extinction unless action is taken to lift the issue to one of greater national consciousness;

WHEREAS, the combined resources of the Black community and the nation as a whole are adequate to resolve said problems;

WHEREAS, the diversity of persons and groups possessing expertise and other resources including finances, evidences a need for coordination to effectively address the gravity of the crisis;

WHEREAS, an influential national organization which recognizes this special ministry of enablement is needed to meet this critical need to coordinate existing resources which can, in turn, design and/or fund a study/symposium.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ direct the Commission for Racial Justice in cooperation with the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and Office of Communication as agencies of the United Church of Christ to design a strategy which lifts the issue of health in the Black communities, to one of greater national consciousness. This should be done through collaboration with appropriate external resources to effect the design and implementation of a study of health care in Black communities, in such a manner as to not require direct budgetary funding from national instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ;

RESOLVED that the results of said study be followed up with the convening of a national symposium on health care in Black communities funded on a self-sustaining basis, to deal with the findings of the study.

RESOLVED that the results of the study/symposium shall be reported to the Twelfth General Synod.

### 11. A BOOK OF WORSHIP

Mr. Thomas was recognized by the Moderator and moved the adoption of the "Resolution for a Book of Worship." This motion was seconded. Mr. Thomas referred the delegates to the Advance Materials, Section II, page 124, "Overture: A Minister's Handbook." There was discussion on the motion.

Walter Krebs, (ILL.S), moved an amendment to the resolution which read:

"RESOLVED that the Eleventh General Synod of the United Church of Christ direct the Executive Council to request the Office for Church Life and Leadership to revise, in the interest of inclusive language, the 'Services of the Church' already prepared by the previous Commission on Worship and seek their republication."

The motion was seconded. There was discussion. Reuben A. Sheares, Executive Director of the Office for Church Life and Leadership indicated that the motion does not deal with the financial implications of the resolution. He then proposed a substitute motion which suggested that the office for Church life and Leadership study the need for a Book of Worship before producing one. The substitute motion was rejected by Mr. Krebs and was then withdrawn. Upon being put to a vote, the amendment pro-

posed by Mr. Krebs was defeated. Discussion on this issue was closed and it was

77-GS-87 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution on a Book of Worship."

### Resolution on a Book of Worship

WHEREAS, A new hymnbook has been recently published by U.C.C.:

WHEREAS, No current book of services of worship of the church is available; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Eleventh General Synod of the U.C.C. directs the Executive Council to request the Office for Church Life and Leadership to develop, if feasible, a book of worship for the U.C.C., using inclusive language.

This brought the Report of Division B to a close. Mr. Thomas thanked the delegates of the General Synod for their actions on these issues.

### 12. A RESOLUTION FOR FULLER UTILIZATION OF MINORITY CLERGY BY THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Francis Rath, Chairperson of Division C, was recognized by Moderator Nace and moved that the "Resolution for Fuller Utilization of Minority Clergy" in the United Church of Christ be removed from the table. The motion was seconded and upon being put to a vote it was passed. Mr. Rath again referred the delegates to the Advance Materials, Section II, pages 136-137.

David Ferry, (CONN), noted that before the resolution was tabled on Monday afternoon, there was a motion on the floor to amend the resolution by striking the word "minority" from said resolution. That amendment to the resolution has been reworded as follows:

1. Strike the words "minority" from the report.
2. Make Resolve #2—Resolve #3
3. resolve #2 to read:

That the listing categorize and alphabetize as best as possible, all the minority segments of our UCC clergy.

It was noted that both the Commission for Racial Justice and the Office for Church Life and Leadership have clarified that we are talking about four hundred clergy rather than 9,000 since we are talking about minority clergy. Further discussion ensued around this issue. Upon being put to a vote, the amendment was defeated.

The discussion was brought to a close on the resolution and it was

77-GS-88 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution for Fuller Utilization of Minority Clergy" by the United Church of Christ.

WHEREAS, Many of our minority clergy possess special training, ability and expertise which have not been utilized by the Instrumentalities, Commissions and other Agencies of the United Church of Christ.

RESOLVED, 1) That the Commission for Racial Justice and the Office for Church Life and Leadership produce a listing of minority clergy including description of special skills and expertise.