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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.

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2) That this Inventory be made available to all National Agencies, Conferences, Associations and UCC related institutions and that the executives and governing bodies of these be urged to utilize the minority clergy having such skills.

### 13. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR THE ROBERT V. MOSS, JR. MEMORIAL FUND

Moderator Nace indicated that the offering collected at the worship service on Sunday, July 3, 1977, which had been designated for the Robert V. Moss, Jr. Memorial Fund totaled \$4,343.91.

### 14. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG

Anne Kear, Chairperson of Division D, was recognized by Moderator Nace and moved the adoption of the "Resolution Regarding Ambassador Andrew Young." She indicated that this resolution incorporated the resolution presented by Charles Ross of the Central Pacific Conference and the Wisconsin Conference Andrew Young Overture, June 21, 1977. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. Upon being put to a vote, it was

77-GS-89 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the "Resolution regarding Andrew Young" as proposed by Division D:

RESOLVED, That the Eleventh General Synod supports and encourages the forthrightness and integrity shown by Ambassador Andrew Young in fostering human rights and non-violence throughout the world.

RESOLVED, that the Eleventh General Synod directs the Secretary of the UCC to forward copies of this resolution to Ambassador Young, President Carter, Secretary of State Vance and members of Congress.

### 15. CHURCH WORLD SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Ms. Kear was recognized by the Moderator and indicated that the material for this resolution could be found in the packet of information handed to the delegates from Division D. Ms. Kear moved the adoption of the "Resolution on Church World Service and Government Grants." It was seconded.

The Eleventh General Synod urges representatives of the Northern California Conference to meet with UCC representatives on the Board of Directors of Church World Service to discuss the issues raised and seek to resolve differences of opinion and fact.

Jerome Storm, (ME), spoke to the resolution in behalf of Division D. After discussion it was

77-GS-90 VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod tables the "Resolution on Church World Service and Government Grants" and refers it to the Executive Council for further consideration.

This completed the report of Division B. Ms. Kear thanked the delegates for their actions on the issues presented by Division D.

### 16. RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT ON RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Anne Lee Clough, Chairperson of Division E, was rec-

ognized by the Moderator and moved the "Resolution on the Report of Racial and Economic Justice" be removed from the table. The motion was seconded and it was so voted. The delegates were again referred to the Advance Materials, Section II, pages 85-86.

Larry Turns, (NH), indicated that their small group felt General Synod should be true to the body of information given to the General Synod.

Barbara Backman, (CONN), moved an amendment to the resolution which would:

Delete: "quality and equalized education and housing:" in item 2 of the resolved section and

Insert: "racial and economic justice." in the same place.

There was discussion on the amendment and upon being put to a vote it was defeated.

Mr. Morgan of the Business Committee moved an amendment to the resolution by adding #10 to the resolved section:

Add: 10. That General Synod direct the Executive Council to assist and monitor the actions taken by congregations, Associations, Conferences, National Agencies, and Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ on this resolution; and that the Executive Council shall cause to be prepared a report on this matter to the Twelfth General Synod.

The motion was seconded and there was discussion. A point of order was called and declared that this was an additional amendment and not an amendment to the amendment. The amendment was withdrawn.

An amendment to the resolution was made and seconded noting the following changes in the resolved section of the "Resolution on Economic and Racial Justice": in Item #2, #5, #7, and #8.

There was some discussion and upon being put to a vote it was

77-GS-91a VOTED: The Eleventh General Synod adopts the amendment to the "Resolution on Racial and Economic Justice."

And be it further RESOLVED:

2. That the United Church of Christ support efforts to achieve quality and equalized education and housing.
5. *That General Synod calls upon Congregations, Associations, Conferences, National Agencies and instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to continue to give major attention to the issue of world hunger.*
7. *The General Synod calls upon congregations, Associations, Conferences, National Agencies and Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to work to bring about equitable reform of Federal Tax and Welfare systems.*
8. *That General Synod calls upon congregations Associations, Conferences, National Agencies and Instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ to work to bring about quality, equitable, and affordable Health Care for all the world's people*