

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 25

- throughout American life;
- b. continue to provide much-needed role models for others in society by affirming, strengthening, and practicing their own internal affirmative action policies;
 - c. affirm and proclaim the Judeo-Christian heritage of restitution, inclusiveness, salvation by grace, mercy, and justice as our mandate for affirmative action in the Church, in church-related institutions, and in the broader society;
 - d. urge pastors to preach on affirmative action, and to develop and lead teach-ins and periods of reflection on the issues of distributive justice, equity, and affirmative action;
 - e. support efforts to expand educational and employment opportunities throughout society, thereby widening the "funnel" of access and equity and reducing the destructive and divisive effects of intensive competition for limited positions, opportunities, and resources;
 - f. encourage advocacy groups, legal strategies, and the filing of supportive briefs, *amicus curiae*, in local and national cases in which affirmative action programs are at stake;
 - g. continue and expand support for Project Equality, the church-related program that enables churches to use their purchasing power to support affirmative action and equal opportunity;
 - h. undertake intensive programs of education and consciousness-raising to combat institutional and individual racism and sexism, and handicapism,

- to clarify that affirmative action does not create "reverse discrimination"; and,
- i. study and implement the recommendations on Affirmative Action as contained in the Advisory Commission on Women's Report to the Twelfth General Synod.

16. RESOLUTION ON HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM SUPPLEMENTATION

Mr. Jones referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, pages 32-33, to the recommendation of the Executive Council on Health Insurance Premium Supplementation, moved the adoption of the Resolution on Health Insurance Premium Supplementation. He called on Mr. Richard P. Knight (CAC), a member of the Section, to speak to the resolution. Mr. Knight indicated that this resolution is a response to an action of the Eleventh General Synod that a policy of supplementation of payment of health insurance premiums for retired clergy and lay workers and their spouses be established.

There was discussion. There was a call for the order of the day. The Moderator deferred action on the resolution and recognized the Rev. John Bracke who indicated the order of Section reports on Tuesday, June 26.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator recognized Secretary Evans for the announcements.

18. RECESS

The Moderator declared the General Synod in recess at 10:15 P.M. until 8:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 26.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 26

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WORSHIP

The General Synod was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by the Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Donna Schaper.

The Rev. Jorge Luis Morales (IL) led the Synod in worship, conducted in English and Spanish. Mr. Morales was assisted by members of the Hispanic Council.

2. REPORT OF SECTION C—HUNGER ACTION PROGRAM

The Moderator recognized Mrs. Marilyn Briggs (MASS), Chairperson for the report of Section C. Mrs. Briggs moved the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Executive Council as printed in Advance Materials, Section II, pages 33-34, and called on the Rev. Stephanie Weiner (IK), a member of the Section, to speak to the Resolution. Ms. Weiner emphasized the importance of the Hunger Action Program, the changes in the Program as provided in the resolution, noting an editorial change, and it was

79-GS-46 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the resolution on the Hunger Action Program as amended:

1. World hunger should continue to be a major focus of ministry by the United Church of Christ through its local congregations and members, associations, conferences, and national agencies.
2. All UCC national agencies, conferences, associations, and congregations cooperate in a comprehensive

and effective hunger program, coordinating their diverse hunger action activities for the efficient dissemination of material resources and information, for the motivation of concrete actions and for simple but adequate accountability and evaluation.

3. The United Church Board for World Ministries is requested to continue carrying responsibility for the coordination of these hunger-related actions of the UCC, by sponsoring an effective inter-agency staff working group and maintaining a Hunger Action Office, and will submit an annual report to the Executive Council.
4. The UCC Hunger Action Fund is continued on the following basis:
 - a. Management of the Fund is the responsibility of the directors of UCBWM, including the establishment of policy, the approval of an annual budget, and the approval of project grants.
 - b. Recommendations for the project grant allocations shall be made by an inter-agency working group representing national agencies and conferences, such groups to include one or more non-staff person(s).
 - c. The Stewardship Council will continue promotion of this Fund.
 - d. The Hunger Action Fund be used for:

- i) Constituency education regarding the reality and root causes of hunger and possibilities for constructive response.
- ii) Public policy action directly related to hunger issues.
- iii) Aid and development projects recommended by conferences and national agencies.
- iv) Coordination, implementation and administration.

5. The program areas and "Public Policy Imperatives" identified in the Tenth General Synod Pronouncement, "The United Church of Christ Confronts the World Food Crisis," continue to be pursued.

6. Wherever possible and appropriate, UCC hunger actions should be carried out ecumenically and in cooperation with other like-minded agencies.

7. Advisory panels of persons representing expertise on various aspects of the hunger issue may be convened, with membership named by the UCBWM in consultation with national agencies and conferences.

8. A progress report and evaluation with any recommended alterations to this action be presented by the UCBWM, after consultation with national agencies and conferences, to each General Synod of the UCC.

3. OVERTURE: IN SUPPORT OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CONCERN FOR HANSEN'S DISEASE, PATIENT'S RIGHT OF CHOICE

Mrs. Briggs referred to the Section's recommendation on the Overture: In Support of Hawaii Conference Concern For Hansen's Disease, Patient's Right of Choice. She moved the adoption of the Overture, and called on Mr. Bernard Punikaia of Hawaii to speak to the issue. Mr. Punikaia indicated that the issue at Hale Mohalu in Pearl City is one of human rights. He reviewed the history of the program and urged support of the Overture, and it was

79-GS-47 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Overture: In Support of Hawaii Conference Concern for Hansen's Disease, Patient's Right of Choice:

OVERTURE: IN SUPPORT OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CONCERN FOR HANSEN'S DISEASE, PATIENT'S RIGHT OF CHOICE

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ has requested the Twelfth General Synod to join them in their efforts to maintain a Hansen's Disease (leprosy) program at Hale Mohalu in Pearl City, where a community of patients has lived for 30 years;

WHEREAS, governmental efforts are being made to remove patients from this facility to a situation of enforced hospitalization at Leahi;

WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of Hawaii passed a bill to provide for construction and operating costs for Hale Mohalu which Governor George Ariyoshi vetoed;

WHEREAS, our Congregational forebearers in 1866 founded Siloama, "the church of the healing spring," the first church in Hawaii's colony of leprosy patients;

WHEREAS, the church, in following Jesus Christ, is obligated to seek justice for, and defend the dignity of all people; and

WHEREAS, the patients, in asserting their right to live fully as free people, have been denied food, water, electricity, and medical services at their chosen home of Hale Mohalu, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod join the Hawaii Conference and the patients in their determination to retain the residential care facility at Hale Mohalu in Pearl City for the remaining years of the residents' lives;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod requests the President of the United Church of Christ to communicate this resolution to the Governor, Speaker of the House & President of the Senate of the state of Hawaii, its United States congressional delegation, and to the President of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod urges the national agencies, conferences, and local churches of the United Church of Christ to follow and share the development of this issue, and to assist the Hawaii Conference in support of the patients' rights, health, home, and community.

4. INFANT FORMULA CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Briggs referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, pages 134-137, and to the recommendation of the Section, on Infant Formula Campaign. She moved its adoption, and called on the Rev. Alfred C. Williams (MASS) to speak to the issue. Mr. Williams reviewed some of the background of indiscriminate promotion of infant formula that led to the development of the Overture. The Overture provides an opportunity for the Church to respond to the issue.

Ms. Debbie Schafer (IL) was recognized and moved to amend the motion by deleting "and" and the end of paragraph 4 and inserting the following "but expresses concern that this action does not detract from emphases on the issues of infant malnutrition and death in Third World Countries; and". There was discussion and it was agreed to make this change in the Overture.

Mr. James Jackson (ILS) was recognized and moved to amend the motion by adding a new paragraph 5 to read: "Condemns any inappropriate activities of the above American companies listed in paragraph 2, and other foreign concerns." There was discussion and upon being put to a vote the Moderator declared the motion lost.

Mr. Earl Turner (ILS) was recognized and moved to amend the motion by deleting paragraph 4. There was discussion and upon being put to a vote the Moderator declared the motion lost.

There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-48 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Overture: Infant Formula Campaign as amended:

INFANT FORMULA CAMPAIGN

The Twelfth General Synod:

- 1) CALLS upon the corporations that produce and promote infant formula to cease promotion in areas where social and economic conditions are such that the use of the formula is apt to damage the health and well-being of infants by (a) Ending direct advertising of formula to consumers; (b) Ending distribution of free promotional