

- 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