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- 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

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- supplies to hospitals, clinics, and homes of newborns; (c) Ending the use of company "medical representatives" (milk nurses); (d) Ending promotion to the health professions and through health care institutions by developing alternative forms of contributions as through non-profit foundations which are disinterested in sales promotions; and
- 2) CALLS upon the national boards and instrumentalities, the conferences of the United Church of Christ, local congregations and individuals to exercise their responsibilities as shareholders in the U.S. corporations that are the main manufacturers of infant formula (Abbott-Ross; American Home Products; and Bristol-Myers) to take action that will encourage the cessation of inappropriate promotion of their products; and
 - 3) CALLS upon the United States Government in its development assistance programs at home and abroad, to encourage breastfeeding and to refuse to support the promotion of infant formula in areas where social and economic conditions may prohibit its safe use by the general population; and
 - 4) ENDORSES the international boycott against Nestle, S.A., its subsidiaries, their products, such as Taster's Choice, Nescafe, Decaf, Sunrise, Nestea, Souptime, Quik, Chocolate Morsel, Crunch, Stouffer's frozen foods, Stouffer's hotels, Stouffer's restaurants, and Libby's canned goods until the United Church Board for World Ministries in cooperation with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility determines Nestle has ended its above mentioned promotional practices and complied with the demands described in No. 1 above; but expresses concern that this action does not detract from emphases on the issues of infant malnutrition and death in Third World Countries; and
 - 5) FURTHER RECOMMENDS to infant formula corporations to work toward rectifying the harmful effects of their past promotional activities in developing countries by providing funds to public health ministries in affected countries for educational programs on the value and management of breastfeeding.

5. ELECTION RESULTS

The Moderator recognized Secretary Evans who gave the election results for the following Agencies:

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