

refugees for resettlement in our country, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod commends the United Church Board of World Ministries for expanding its concern and programs for the above mentioned world refugees.

12. RESOLUTION ON RESURGENT RACISM

Mr. McFadden referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section V, pages 5-7. He moved the adoption of the resolution on Neo-Racism, and called on Mr. Dennis Schwab (IA) to speak to the resolution. Mr. Schwab reminded the delegates that the United Church of Christ has long been in the forefront in the struggle for racial justice. This resolution addresses new forms of racism which faces our Church and nation. Adoption of this resolution will keep the United Church of Christ in the forefront in the struggle for racial and ethnic justice.

The Rev. Max Stackhouse (MA), was recognized and moved to amend the resolution by striking the preamble section so that action on the resolution would include only the Be It Resolved section. It was agreed to strike the preamble section and the vote would be only on the Be It Resolved Section.

The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman (PC) was recognized and moved to amend the resolution by changing the title from Resolution on Neo-Racism to Resolution on Resurgent Racism. It was agreed to change the title to Resurgent Racism. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-55 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Resolution on Resurgent Racism as amended:

RESOLUTION ON RESURGENT RACISM

BE IT RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ meeting in its Twelfth General Synod reaffirms its commitment to racial justice, equal opportunity, and calls upon its constituency at all levels to so commit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission for Racial Justice continue to lead the Church into relevant programs and practices that evidence racial justice commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every local Church, Conference, Association and national agency examine its programs and practices in order to ferret out inequitable and discriminatory patterns and take action to eliminate them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the social action and issues agencies spearhead the national effort in cooperation with other national religious and secular groups to eliminate racism from all national life.

13. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS

Mr. McFadden referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section VI, page 3. He moved the adoption of the substitute resolution In Support of the United Farm Workers, and called on the Rev. Winston Gould (CAL.S) to speak to the resolution. Mr. Gould reminded the delegates that the United Church of Christ has a history of support for people seeking justice and equality in our society. The support of the farm worker has been a significant part of the history of the United Church of Christ. This resolution is in

support of the farm worker at a critical time when the farm worker movement struggles for existence.

Mr. Ernest G. Potter (IL) moved to amend the resolution by striking the phrase "and all non-union iceberg lettuce" in the first Be It Resolved section. There was discussion. Mr. Potter agreed to withdraw his amendment to allow the Rev. Winston Gould (CAL.S) to amend the resolution by deleting the word "all" before "non-union iceberg lettuce" in the first Be It Resolved Section and following the word "lettuce" to add the phrase "not grown on family operated farms." There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-56 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Resolution In Support of the United Farm Workers as amended:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS

WHEREAS, we understand that our decisions should be shaped by our beliefs, and that in the world of commerce our responsibility is to be good stewards, to use our possessions to bear witness to the principles of justice and equality which are basic to our biblical heritage.

WHEREAS, the Ninth General Synod, at the time of an earlier crisis declared its support for farm workers through its courageous action in sending a delegation to stand alongside farm workers on picket lines in the fields of the Coachella Valley in California; and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers have been negotiating since early January, 1979, with 28 California and Arizona lettuce growers; and

WHEREAS, migrant and seasonal farm workers, who help sustain each of us through their labors, suffer from the double burden of low wages and the effects of inflation; and

WHEREAS, since January over 4,000 workers have been on strike in the lettuce industry, affecting more than 16,000 men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, another farm worker has been killed while picketing (Rufino Contreras, on 2/10/79, 28 years old, father of two), the fourth such incident in recent history; and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers continue to be committed to non-violent strategies; and

WHEREAS, the United Farm Workers have issued the call for a consumer boycott of Chiquita bananas (major label of the largest lettuce company, Sun Harvest of United Brands; and all non-union iceberg lettuce;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ supports the boycott of Chiquita bananas and non-union iceberg lettuce not grown on family operated farms until equitable contracts are signed and the boycott call is rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be publicized among our constituents, who are hereby urged to support the boycott in whatever way possible, individually and collectively.

14. NEW BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Moderator recognized The Rev. David L. Beebe (SE) who offered a new item of business by title only "A Resolution Regarding Klan Activity." The Moderator indicated that