

this would be referred to the Business Committee to determine a time for it to be considered by the General Synod.

**15. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
CONTINUED—ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE**

The Moderator recognized George Wm. Myers, Jr. Chairperson of the Executive Council, who referred the delegates to the provisions of paragraph 224 of the Constitution and By Laws for the election of representatives of the Executive Council, the United Church Board for World Ministries and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. Mr. Myers moved, and it was

79-GS-57 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod elects to the Office of Communication Directorate the following persons from the designated Agencies:

Jean M. Edwards (RI)	Executive Council
Daniel M. Filetti (PW)	
David M. Stowe (CAC)	United Church Board
Leroy Calbom (WASH)	for World Ministries
Howard E. Spragg (NH)	United church Board
Jean Fulleman (OH)	for Homeland Ministries

**16. EDITORIAL AUTHORIZATION**

On behalf of the Business Committee, Mr. Myers moved editorial authorization for the Secretary of the Church, and it was

79-GS-58 VOTED: The General Synod authorizes the Secretary of the Church to make such editorial changes in the enactments of this General Synod as in his judgement do not change the intent but which may be necessary to achieve consistency, continuity and clarity in the completion of the minutes of the Twelfth General Synod. The General Synod further authorizes the Secretary to arrange the sequence of the paragraphs within the Bylaws of the United Church of Christ in the proper order so as to make all numbers consecutive and clear following such amendments to the Bylaws as have been adopted by the Twelfth General Synod.

**17. RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 200th  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Mr. Myers indicated that there were several items that the Business Committee would report directly to the General Synod for action. He moved the adoption of the resolution on Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School, and it was

79-GS-59 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Resolution Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Sunday School.

**CELEBRATING THE 200th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Teaching Ministry of the Church (*didache*) is crucial to the church's faith, witness and mission; and

WHEREAS, we benefit from historical reflection when we use the insights among our guidelines in future planning; and

WHEREAS, the year 1980 will mark the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School movement which has

had vast effect on our churches; and

WHEREAS, the observance of this anniversary could be an opportunity for renewing the teaching ministry, for ecumenical dialogue, stimulating research, direction setting and motivation for the future among our churches,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ celebrates the 200th Anniversary of this historic model of Christian Education by officially commending it to the churches as an occasion for renewal and rededication to the teaching ministry of the Church in our time.

**18. RESOLUTION HONORING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEACONESS SISTERHOOD**

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the resolution Honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Deaconess Sisterhood, and it was

79-GS-60 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Resolution Honoring the 90th Anniversary of the Deaconess Sisterhood:

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 90th ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEACONESS SISTERHOOD**

WHEREAS, the Deaconess Sisterhood, begun in St. Louis, Missouri, and having served for ninety years as pioneer professional women of our church in their work as parish assistants, in the establishment of hospitals and schools of nursing throughout the land, as well as Children's Homes, Homes for the Aged and the Emmaus Homes, and

WHEREAS, the whole church is richer through the gifts and grace of these dedicated women throughout these ninety years, and

WHEREAS, there are twenty-nine Deaconess Sisters still living of the more than two hundred who served full-time in this ministry, and

WHEREAS, the vow of obedience, willingness and faithfulness taken by the Deaconess Sisters exemplifies and honors the high calling and commitment of professional women in the church today,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Twelfth General Synod on this 90th Anniversary commends the Deaconess Sisterhood for its outstanding leadership, dedication and service to the mission of the church and requests the office of the President to convey the gratitude of the whole United Church of Christ.

**19. AFFIRMATION OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLD COUNCIL OF  
CHURCHES**

Mr. Myers referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, page 145, to the resolution submitted by the Congregational Church of Goffstown, New Hampshire that the Twelfth General Synod suspend its membership and support of the World Council of Churches. Mr. Myers reported that the Executive Council recommends that the Twelfth General Synod affirm the United Church of Christ membership in and support of the World Council of Churches, moved the adoption of the recommendation, and it was