

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 26

WHEREAS, the causes of the present gasoline shortage and soaring fuel prices have not been clearly explained or satisfactorily interpreted to the people of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, it is apparent that none of our elected or appointed government officers seem to be taking a strong leadership position in bringing together those energy powers and agencies that could resolve this critical issue; and

WHEREAS, these shortages and increased prices are causing extreme anger and unrest in many segments of our society with already tragic results and the danger of widespread violence, destruction, personal injury and shortages;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon other religious bodies to join with us in calling for immediate and urgent meetings of representatives from the Department of Energy, oil companies, consumer groups, trucking industry representatives, energy conservationists, station owners/operators, and alternative energy planners on

local, state and national levels to address this urgent problem, seeking honest answers, and developing positive strategies to deal with this problem and its long range consequences;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these meetings be held publicly with full media coverage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and other appropriate officials by the President of the United Church of Christ, with the Office for Church In Society, the Office of Communication, United Church of Christ Conferences and local church leaders being called on to give support for this Resolution and its concern.

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator recognized Secretary Evans for the announcements.

23. RECESS

The Moderator declared the General Synod in recess at 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND WORSHIP

The General Synod was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Moderator Milton Hurst.

The Rev. James R. Smucker, Conference Minister of the New York Conference, led the General Synod in worship.

2. REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized the Rev. John Bracke, Chairperson of the Agenda Committee, who outlined the agenda for the evening.

3. OVERTURE ON LOCATION OF NATIONAL OFFICES

The Moderator recognized Mr. William Jones (CT), Chairperson of Section A, for a continuation of the Section report. Mr. Jones referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section 17-19 and moved the adoption of the revised Overture on Location of National Offices. Mr. Jones called on the Rev. Richard Bailer (FL) to speak to the Overture. Mr. Bailer said the recommendation of the Section is to refer the matter to the Executive Council which in consultation with the national agencies will review the issue and report to succeeding General Synods. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-80 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the revised Overture on Location of National Offices:

Overture: Location of National Offices

WHEREAS, it is a fact that the principal agencies of the United Church of Christ have individually and/or corporately entered into binding leases within New York City for periods up to 1989, and

WHEREAS, there is continuing concern that our National offices be operated in an efficient, cooperative, economical and accessible location as feasibly possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council, in consultation with the instrumentalities, agencies,

and the Council of Conference Executives, study, evaluate and report to General Synod on the location of the National office on a two-Synod lead time prior to expiration of current leases.

4. OVERTURE ON GENERAL SYNOD MEETINGS AT CHURCH RELATED COLLEGES AND WASTEFUL USE OF PAPER

Mr. Jones referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, page 122, and moved the adoption of the revised Overture on General Synod Meetings at Church Related Colleges and Wasteful Use of Paper. Mr. Jones called on the Rev. Ronald Riggs (OH) to speak to the Overture. Mr. Riggs indicated that there is merit in investigating church-related colleges as possible sites for future General Synod meetings. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-81 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod refers the revised Overture on General Synod Meetings at Church-Related Colleges and Wasteful Use of Paper to the Executive Council.

Overture: General Synod Meetings at Church-Related Colleges and Wasteful Use of Paper

Section A has determined that there is considerable merit in the suggestion to investigate church-related colleges as possible locations for General Synod meetings and to cut down on wasteful use of paper during sessions.

We note that the Executive Council (March, 1979) has expressed that it shares this concern and has asked the President to continue such investigation vigorously.

5. OVERTURE ON PRONOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Jones referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, page 129, and moved the adoption of the revised Overture on Pronouncements. Mr. Jones called on the Rev. Richard Bailer (FL) to speak to the Overture. Mr. Bailer reported that the Section considered the original Overture