

in support of legal recognition of living wills, and to urge the enactment of appropriate legislation.

9. RESOLUTION ON SPANISH SPEAKING MINISTRIES

Mr. McFadden referred to the resolution on Spanish Speaking Ministries that had been introduced as an item of new business and moved that it be referred to the Executive Council for study and referral to the appropriate national agency. It was

79-GS-86 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod refers the resolution on Spanish Speaking Ministries to the Executive Council for study and referral to the appropriate national agency;

Resolution On Spanish Speaking Ministries

The Twelfth General Synod stimulates our ministers to learn Spanish and to study something of Puerto Rican and Spanish speaking peoples culture so that they can minister also to many millions of Spanish speaking people in the United States. This motion is not against Puerto Rican or Spanish ministers but favors to open more to all Spanish ministries.

10. RESOLUTION ON THE RELEASE OF FOUR PUERTO RICAN NATIONALIST PRISONERS

The Moderator recognized Mrs. Euphemia Young (SE), Chairperson, for a continuation of the Report of the Committee on Human Rights. Mrs. Young referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section VI, pages 4 & 8, and moved the adoption of the substitute resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners. She spoke to the resolution and there was discussion. It was

79-GS-87 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners:

Resolution on the Release of Four Puerto Rican Nationalist Prisoners

WHEREAS, more than twenty-five years ago, a group of Puerto Rican Nationalists, among them Oscar Collazo, Rafael Cancel Miranda, Irvin Flores, and Lolita Lebron concerned with the political independence of Puerto Rico attacked the Blair House mansion of the President of the United States, and others attacked various Congressmen on Capitol Hill, and as a result they were convicted and imprisoned: and,

WHEREAS, the Puerto Rican people have never favored the use of arms for political causes, yet they believe strongly that these jail terms have inflicted enough physical, spiritual and emotional punishment; and,

WHEREAS, the Puerto Rican Council of Protestant Churches, high bodies of the Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic Churches in Puerto Rico as well as in the United States, the National Council of Churches, former governors of Puerto Rico, both Houses of the Puerto Rican legislature, labor unions, professional organizations, student councils, cultural groups, political organizations and ten U.S. Congressmen, have written to the United States government expressing this concern; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice in December, 1978, presented its recommendations to President Carter, who has to this present time taken no action on

this petition for the release of these nationalists; and, WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ affirms human rights; and,

WHEREAS, the acts of mercy, love and reconciliation are part of any doctrine of human rights and President Carter is championing human rights in the world as part of the Christian heritage of this country; and,

WHEREAS, the grace of God is dispensed freely to us and an act of Presidential pardon would be a human response of love and a demonstration of the spirit of reconciliation exercised by this nation upon former foreign foes while the nationalists are not part of the United States nation; and,

WHEREAS, that act will be an act of good will to Puerto Rico and as such a bridge of love in Latin America; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Twelfth General Synod directs the President of the United Church of Christ to petition personally President Carter to grant freedom to the four Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Twelfth General Synod requests the Office of Church In Society and the Commission for Racial Justice to pursue this issue, recognizing the United Church of Christ's concern for the human rights of all prisoners and to encourage awareness of this concern.

11. RESOLUTION ON UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SUPPORT OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Moderator recognized Dr. Harry A. Greenawald (PC), Chairperson, for a continuation of the Report of the Committee on Church-Related Higher Education. Dr. Greenawald referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, page 142. He moved the adoption of the Resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry, including the Executive Council action of March, 1979, and called on Mr. Jim Tilbe (MA) to speak to the resolution. Mr. Tilbe said the resolution comes out of a conviction that there needs to be Christian input into our higher education systems and calls for a study to determine where we are in campus ministry, where we should be, and how we can get there in determining policies and programs for campus ministry. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-88 VOTED: the Twelfth General Synod adopts the resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry:

Resolution on United Church of Christ Support of Campus Ministry

WHEREAS, The United Church of Christ continues to affirm support for UCC-related colleges, recognizes that there are many UCC students at non-UCC colleges and the United Church of Christ has been an active part of UMHE (United Ministries in Higher Education); and

WHEREAS, UMHE Campus Ministries provide a much-needed connection with the Church for college students away from home; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry provides support, worship, fellowship and counseling for college students on large, often impersonal, highly secularized campuses; and

WHEREAS, Campus Ministry is important in identifying